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School threat: A high school student whose tip about a planned school massacre landed his friend in jail was arrested Monday and charged with

being a conspirator in the plot.

Joseph T. Nee, 18, a senior at Marshfield

High School in Plymouth, Mass., whose father heads the main Boston police union,

pleaded innocent to conspiracy to commit

mass murder and promotion of anarchy. He

was ordered held without bail pending a

hearing Thursday.

Nee's tip to police had led to the Sept. 17 arrest of his friend, 16-year-old Tobin Kerns.

Acting on information from Nee and two other unnamed witnesses, police said they uncovered evidence of a plan to carry out an attack that would coincide with the sixth anniversary of the Columbine High School shootings.

Los Alamos lab: Two former Los Alamos National Laboratory employees accused of being part of a purchasing scandal that rocked the nuclear lab two years ago have pleaded guilty to charges of conspiracy and mail fraud.

Peter Bussolini, 66, and Scott Alexander, 4, each entered guilty pleas Monday. U.S. District Judge James Parker said he would not formally accept the deal until he re-

ceives a pre-sentencing report.

The two were fired in December 2002 after being accused of making hundreds of thousands of dollars in questionable purchases using a lab account.

Norld

School seizure: The head of a parliamentary commission in Moscow investigating last month's school hostage crisis on Tuesday questioned officials' contention that the raiders were using narcotics, saying he believes they were deranged by an unknown down

The prosecutor-general's office this week said autopsies of the terrorists who seized hundreds of hostages Sept. 1 at a school in the town of Beslan showed that several had higher-than-lethal doses of narcotics.

Narcotic drugs induce stupors and slow reactions, and commission head Alexander Torshin said he was uncomfortable with the prosecutor's office's contention.

Head scarves controversy: Sikhs must respect France's new law banning conspicuous religious signs from public schools, the education minister said Tuesday, as three Sikhs refusing to take off their turbans brought their case to court.

The Sikhs' case is the first known court action over the law since it took effect in September.

Education Minister Francois Fillon said there remain about 70 cases of students detering the law — mainly involving girls refusing to remove their Islamic head scarves — since the measure took effect at the start of the school year on Sept. 2.



Mitsubishi safety: Employees at Mitsubishi Motors Corp. headquarters in Tokyo observe a moment of silence Tuesday on the aninversary of a 2002 accident in which a driver died after the brakes in his Mitsubishi truck failed due to a defect in the clutch system. The firm has been struggling to recover from a series of massive recalls for dozens of flaws that led to two fatal accidents and triggered concerns about the company's safety record. Mitsubishi pledged Tuesday to make safety its top priority.

Iran's nuclear program: The foreign ministers of Britain and Germany on Tuesday urged Iran to indefinitely suspend its nuclear program and avoid a showdown next month with the U.N. nuclear agency.

Foreign Secretary Jack Straw and his German counterpart Joschka Fischer said the international community lacked confidence in Iran, which last year agreed to suspend uranium enrichment but has since resumed testing, assembling and making centrifuges used in the process.

Albania bus wreck: A road accident that killed 15 Kosovo students returning from neighboring Albania has not stopped other students from making a similar excursion, Albanian media reported Monday.

Another group of 100 Kosovo students from Urosevac, 25 miles south of Pristina came to Albania on Sunday, the Shekulli newspaper said.

"We are very sorry for our colleagues, but ... we want to go ahead," the newspaper quoted one student as saying.

Spain terror arrests: Police broke up a radical Muslim cell that had been plotting to blow up the National Court, a hub of Spain's investigations of Islamic terrorism, officials said Tuesday.

Seven suspects were arrested on Monday in Madrid and southern Spain, and one more Tuesday in the northern city of Pamplona. Most are Algerian, and some had contacts with militants elsewhere in Europe, the United States and Australia.

North Korea nuclear talks: North Korea aid it still wants to solve the dispute over its nuclear weapons programs through six-nation talks, after China urged it to respond to the "common wish" of the international community, a Chinese official said Tuesday.

Chinese leaders are lobbying North Korea's No. 2 leader, Kim Yong Nam, during a visit to Beijing to bring his country back to talks on demands that his country give up its nuclear ambitions.

Business

Coca-Cola anti-trust case: The European Union reached a settlement Tuesday of its long-running antitrust case against The Coca-Cola Co. under which the world's biggest soft-drink company agreed to change sales practices that helped it win roughly half the market in Europe.

The changes include an end to exclusivity arrangements with stores or restaurants and allowing rival drinks into Coke-branded coolers, Monti said. The deal allows Atlanta-based Coke to avoid a fine and potentially years of continued lead wraneling.

War on terrorism

Guantanamo review tribunals: A U.S. military review panel on Monday issued decisions on seven detainees at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, ordering them to remain in custody as so-called enemy combatants, an official said.

There have been 183 review hearings of far and 96 decisions have been announced, said Navy Lt. Cmdr. Daryl Borgquist, a spokesman for the Combatant Status Review Tribunals. The military did not give an explanation on the seven decisions announced Monday.

The review panels have so far released one prisoner after deciding he was improperly held for more than two years as an "enemy combatant," a classification giving fewer legal protections than that of a prisoner of war.

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Clarification

A story in Friday's editions about a soldier killed in Iraq contained incomplete information. The soldier, Spc. Morgen Jacobs, also was survived by his natural father, Michael Cummings.



Comics and advice — every day in Stripes







Ramstein planes to fly African troops to Sudan

BY MARNI MCENTEE Stars and Stripes

KAISERSLAUTERN, Germany — Two C-130 Hercules transport planes from Ramstein Air Base will help shuttle African peacekeeping troops to Sudan's troubled Darfur region this month, officials from the U.S. Air Forces in Europe said

Tuesday.

The 86th Airlift Wing planes will help carry some 3,500 African Union troops to the region, where more than 1.6 million people have been displaced during a 20-month civil war.

The White House said Monday that President Bush directed Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld to make the planes available for two weeks to support part of the African Union mission in Sudan, according to a White House statement.

The United States is working with other nations, including Australia, Belgium, Canada, France, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom, along with the European Union, to expand the peace-keeping mission, the statement said. The additional troops are meant to quell violence to allow for the free flow of humanitarian aid to the region. Up to 70,000 pel have died since March due to their squalid inving conditions since being those said.

The Ramstein aircraft will help ferry troops from neighboring African nations to the Sudan, USAFE spokesman Maj. Patrick Ryder said Tuesday.

The base hosts two C-130 squadrons, used primarily for carrying troops and supplies in the U.S. European Command area of operations.

The first 1,000 African peacekeeping troops are expected to come from Rwanda and Nigeria, the White House statement said.

The African Union mission's immediate goal is to "intensify monitoring of the cease-fire and help create conditions to increase the free flow of humanitarian assistance to the people of Darfur," the state-

ment said

At this time, the Ramstein planes will carry only troops, not humanitarian supplies, to the region, Ryder said.

Australia has offered two C-130 Hercules planes as well. The United States has allocated an additional \$20.5 million to provide for logistical assistance to support the peacekeeping mission.

The United States has demanded that Khartoum end its support for the Arab Janjaweed militia, which is accused of an ethnic cleansing campaign against the region's indigenous black African population.

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HARLIE COON/Stars and Stripes

Sgt. Gabriel De La Rosa of U.S. Marine Corps Security Forces, based in Rota, Spain, loads a round of rubber balls into his M203 40 mm grenade launcher Monday during Nonlethal Weapons Training at Panzer Casern in Stuttgart, Germany.

Marines learn nonlethal tactics

Stuttgart training teaches troops how not to kill enemy

BY CHARLIE COON Stars and Stripes

STUTTGART, Germany — Marines are taught to kill soon after they become Marines.

Some, though, are currently in Stuttgart learning nonlethal ways to do their jobs.

"If we were going up against rioters or even peaceful demonstrators, we'd have a way to disperse the crowd without having to use lethal force on them," said Sgt. Scott Hill of U.S. Marine Corps Forces Europe, one of 14 Marines taking two weeks of Nonlethal Weapons Training at Panzer Casern.

Nonlethal munitions, such as rubber and foam bullets and sting-ball grenades, are available for use right now in Iraq, according to Staff Sgt. David Smith, an instructor with the 2nd Special Operations Training Group, 2nd Marine Expeditionary Force from Camp Lejeune, N.C.

The situation in Iraq might currently be too threatening for U.S. troops to use anything other than real bullets, Smith said. But he said nonlethal weapons could eventually play an increasing role in helping troops control crowds wherever it's needed.

"I wouldn't want to replace my lethality with [nonlethal weaponry]," Smith said. "But I'd like to augment with it."

Nonlethal force, the Marines are being taught, is a better option to use in some situations: to keep people away during rescues or evacuations, to help local police quell out-of-control riots and demonstrations and to enforce keep-out zones.

Smith, of Springfield, Ohio, told about a humanitarian mission in Somalia when the crowd rushed a food giveaway site.

"They just wanted food; they didn't mean to be aggressive," he said. "They were just hungry."

Hill, of Chesterland, Ohio, said that two years ago when the 4th Marine Expeditionary Brigade reopened the U.S. Embassy in Kabul, Afghanistan, he might have felt more comfortable having nonlethal munitions available.

Nothing happened as the Marines were escorting the Afghan workers around the compound, Hill said, but nonlethal weaponry "could have been weeful."

The nonlethal munitions included beanbags, foam and rubber slugs, and rubber balls that are fired like buckshot. All are fired by Mossberg 590-model 12-gauge shotguns or from grenade launchers attached to the Marines' M-16 rifles.

There also are hand-thrown grenades that shoot eraser-size rubber "sting-balls" when they detonate.

The munitions aren't for sharpshooters; their effective ranges are usually closer than 50 meters.

"Any time we're dealing with crowds we're going to be up close with them," Hill said. "So the range of the ammunition shouldn't be a problem."

The Marines are being taught the course so they can turn around and train their units. Ten of the students were from MARFOREUR; four made the trip from U.S. Marine Corps Security Forces in Rota Spain.

Among the topics: the effective range of the different weapons; circumstances when the nonlethal weapons could actually kill someone; and which munitions are appropriate for different situations.

Maj. Shannon Geaney of Long Beach, Calif., and MARFOREUR, said nonlethal weapons are for "military operations other than war."

"No longer do we look at every enemy as a mortal enemy," she said. E-mail Charlie Coon at:

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Sailors residing in Navy housing across Europe to receive survey

BY JASON CHUDY Stars and Strings

NAPLES, Italy — Sailors living in Navy-run housing throughout Europe will be receiving a resident satisfaction survey sometime in the next week. "The idea is to deliver one to every [Navy] govern-

ment-run unit ... in the European theater," said Jose Mascarenhas, Navy Region Europe's housing program director.

The survey is expected to take about 10 minutes to

complete and comes with a pre-addressed, postage-paid return envelope for CEL & Associates Inc., which will tally the results.

Navy officials will see the overall results, but not individual surveys or comment cards.

"It's entirely anonymous, nobody knows who mailed [a survey response]," Mascarenhas said.

Results of the survey are expected around March 2005 and will be posted on the Commander, Naval Installations Web site, Mascarenhas said, and individual bases also will get the results out to

Housing officials will take the results and compare them to last year's results and use any comments to improve their services.

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"This gives a better idea of how the residents feel about government housing," he said. "We've implemented lots of changes ... based on

"We've implemented lots of changes ... based on results we got back from the surveys."

In Naples and Gaeta, housing personnel will be delivering the surveys door-to-door on Thursday, La Maddalena residents will receive theirs Friday, Rota, Spain, residents should expect theirs sometime this week; and Sigonella residents will get theirs on Oct. 27.

"We encourage people to turn [completed forms] in the week they receive them," Mascarenhas said. "This way we can get all their input, which is what we're seeking — feedback from the residents. All of us want good turnout, as many people to turn it in as possible."

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Veteran aid worker in Iraq abducted

CARE International's local director kidnapped despite history of helping Iraqis

BY TINI TRAN The Associated Press

BAGHDAD - Insurgents abducted the local director of CARE International from her car in Baghdad on Tuesday, targeting a

charity worker who has championed ordinary Iraais for decades In new violence mortar attacks killed an American contractor and at least four Iraqi Na-



Guard members tional wounded 80 Iraqis, the U.S. military said

Margaret Hassan was kidnapped while being driven to work about 7:30 a.m. in a western neighborhood of the capital, a CARE employee who spoke on the condition of anonymity said The employee said CARE did not employ armed guards

Hours later, Al-Jazeera television aired a brief video of Hassan in captivity. She sat on a couch in a room, speaking — though there was no audio - and no gunmen were visible in the footage

Al-Jazeera said an "armed Iraqi group" claimed responsibility for the kidnapping but did not say whether any demands were

The abduction highlighted that no one is immune from the wave of kidnappings in the Iraqi capital. Hassan has lived in Iraq for 30 years, helping supply medicines and other humanitarian aid and speaking out about Iraqis' suffering under international sactions during the 1990s.

Violence in Iraq has pushed many humanitarian groups to leave the country or withdraw foreign workers - particularly after deadly bombings against the United Nations and international Red Cross last year.

Kidnappings have become a prime strategy for insurgents aiming to drive out U.S. allies in Iraq and spread chaos. Two Italian aid workers were snatched from their Baghdad office last month and later released. More than 150 foreigners have been kidnapped in Iraq, and at least 30 captives have been killed.

South of Baghdad, Iraqi security forces and U.S. Marines carried out raids this week that resulted in the arrest of nearly 130 suspected insurgents, the U.S. military said Tuesday. The sweep included areas where British media say British forces might be redeployed at the request of the U.S. command to free up American forces to move against insurgent strongholds

The raids took place Sunday

44As of now we are unaware of the motives.

As far as we know. Margaret is unharmed.

CARE International, United Kingdom

and Monday in and around the cities of Iskandariyah, Yusufiyah and Latifiyah. Four of those detained Monday were suspected in an attack on the joint forces earli-

er the same day, the military said. U.S. officials have admitted in the past that faulty intelligence had led to the arrest of thousands of Iragis who had no ties to the insurgency. However, officials claim their intelligence is better now that Iraqi security forces are playing important roles in such onerations

North of the capital, a barrage of six mortars hit the headquarters of the Iraqi National Guard early Tuesday just as troops were lining up in formation, said international officials and National Guard officers on the condition of anonymity.

Four guardsmen were killed and 80 wounded, the U.S. military said, citing the Iraqi Defense Ministry. Iraqi officers on the scene said five guardsmen had been killed and more than 100 injured some severely.

The Iraqi National Guard has been a frequent target of insurgents trying to undermine U.S.-led security efforts ahead of January national elections.

Meanwhile, a separate mortar and rocket attack on a U.S. military base in central Baghdad on Tuesday killed an American working for KBR, a subsidiary of the Houston-based Halliburton's engineering and construction subsidiary, said Megan Mason, spokeswoman for the company in Baghdad.

A U.S. soldier was also wounded in the 5 a.m. attack, the military said. Halliburton and its subcontractors have lost 54 personnel in Kuwait and Iraq. Mason

In northern Iraq, saboteurs blasted an oil pipeline Monday night, reducing the flow to an export terminal by 8 percent, police and an oil official said Firefighters battled a blaze in the pipeline, 8 miles outside the town of Beiji, until Tuesday morning.

The pipeline usually pumps 350,000 to 400,000 barrels a day to Ceyhan, the terminal on southern Turkev's Mediterranean coast. The blast wrecked that section of the pipeline, which would have to be replaced, an official with the Northern Oil company

He added that the flow to the export terminal in Turkey would fall by 8 percent. "Exports have not been halted completely because another line is operational," the official said

Iraq's oil industry has been hit by repeated insurgent attacks, hampering attempts to rebuild a sector that provides desperately needed money for Iraq's reconstruction efforts.

There was no immediate word on who abducted Hassan.

"As of now we are unaware of the motives," CARE International. United Kingdom said in a statement released in London and read to The Associated Press in Baghdad. "As far as we know, Margaret is unharmed."

CARE International has been active in Iraq since 1991 following the Gulf War, with programs focusing on rebuilding and maintaining water and sanitation systems, hospitals and clinics, according to the group's Web site.

Hassan's abduction is a potential new political snarl for Britain. on the heels of the kidnapping

and beheading of 62-year-old British engineer Ken Bigley. It comes as Britons are debating the merits of the U.S. request to redeploy some British troops — a move that could put them in greater danger

Prime Minister Tony Blair said Tuesday that British troops would only be redeployed to the more volatile, U.S.-controlled sector of Iraq if it was militarily justi-

"No decision will be taken to redeploy British troops unless it is clear militarily that that should and can happen," he added.

Blair rejected accusations that any redeployment would be a political gesture to help President Bush ahead of Nov. 2 presidential elections in the United States

"The only elections that matter in this regard are the Iraqi elections that happen next January.'

Moving a contingent of British troops further north would be aimed at freeing up American forces to launch a new effort against insurgents controlling a number of regions in the Sunni Triangle north and west of Baghdad - the city of Fallujah in particular — before the January

U.S. deaths in Iraq

The Associated Press

As of Monday, Oct. 18, at least 1,102 members of the U.S. military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count. Of those, 846 died as a result of hostile action and 256 died of nonhostile causes, according to the Defense Department. The figures include three military civilians.

The British military has reported 67 deaths; Italy, 19; Poland, 13; Spain, 11; Ukraine, nine: Bulgaria, six; Slovakia, three: Thailand, two: the Netherlands, two; and Denmark, El Salvador, Estonia, Hungary and Latvia have reported one death

Since May 1, 2003, when Pres ident Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 964 U.S. military members have died - 737 as a result of hostile action and 227 of nonhostile causes, according to the military's numbers.

The latest deaths reported by the military:

■ No deaths reported.

The latest identifications reported by the Department of De-

■ Marine Cpl. William I Salazar, 26, Las Vegas; killed Friday in hostile action in Anbar province, Iraq; assigned Headquarters Battalion, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton,

■ Army Capt. Christopher B. ohnson, 29, Excelsior Springs, Mo., and Army Chief Warrant Officer William I. Brennan, 36, Bethlehem Conn · killed Satur day in Baghdad when their helicopter crashed; assigned to the 1st Battalion, 25th Aviation, 1st Battalion, 25th Aviation, 25th Infantry Division, Wheeler Army Air Field, Hawaii.

■ Army Sgt. Michael G. Owen, 31, Phoenix, and Army Spc. Jonathan J. Santos, 22, Bellingham. Wash.: killed Friday when an explosive detonated near their vehicle; assigned to the Army's 9th Psychological Operations Battalion, 4th Psychological Operations Group (Airborne), Fort Bragg, N.C.

Three soldiers were killed Thursday in Ramadi, Iraq, when an explosive detonated near their convoy:

- ■Army Staff Sgt. Omer T Hawkins II, 31, Cherry Fork, Ohio; assigned to the 44th Engi-neer Battalion, Camp Howze, South Korea
- Army Pfc. Mark A. Barbret, 22, Shelby Township, Mich.; as-signed to the 44th Engineer Battalion, Camp Howze, South
- Army Spc. Bradley S. Beard, 22, Chapel Hill, N.C.; as-signed to the 2nd Battalion, 17th Field Artillery Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division, Camp Red Cloud, Korea.

Italy won't redeploy

ROME - The Italian defense minister on Tuesday ruled out that Italian troops in Iraq, currently based in the southern part of the country, will redeploy near Baghdad, as some British troops have been asked to, an Italian news agency said.

The comments by Antonio Martino were made hours after the British government said it is strongly considering a U.S. request to redeploy some British troops closer to Baghdad so the insurgency in central Iraq can be dealt with ahead of Iraqi elec-The United States has asked

Britain to move a small number of troops to free up American forces for anti-insurgency operations. The British troops are based in

southern Iraq. Italy, however, has so far re-

ceived no similar request by Washington, the Italian Defense Ministry said Tuesday.

Italy has about 3,000 troops the U.S.-led coalition's third largest force — based in the southern city of Nasiriyah. The south is relatively peaceful, compared to a volatile and more violent rest of the country.

Election workers resuced

KABUL, Afghanistan - NATO helicopters on Tuesday rescued a team of Afghan election workers from snowbound mountains in the country's remotest corner, and retrieved the last four ballot boxes containing votes from its landmark presidential poll, the alliance said

The four election workers and two police officers had been stuck in freezing conditions in northeastern Radakhshan province since Oct. 12. On that day, a U.N. heliconter

sent to collect them crash-landed in the towering Pamir range, in an illustration of the difficulties facing election organizers

Donkeys have also been used to bring ballots from remote valleys in other parts of Badakhshan.

The victims were suffering from hypothermia, dehydration and breathing difficulties, but were released from a German field hospital in the northern city of Kunduz after a checkup.

Ballots from the four boxes the last to be retrieved from the Oct. 9 presidential election were delivered to the counting center in Kunduz

No pleas in drowning

FORT HOOD, Texas - Two soldiers accused in the drowning of an Iraqi civilian declined to enter pleas at their arraignment in military court Tuesday.

1st Lt. Jack Saville and Sot. 1st Class Tracy Perkins of the 4th Infantry Division face courts-martial on charges of involuntary manslaughter, assault, making false official statements and ob struction of justice.

Perkins' trial date was set for Oct. 26 and Saville's will start in January. Both men on Tuesday deferred their pleas and did not say whether they want to be tried by a judge or a military jury.

From The Associated Press

48th Fighter Wing takes control of 85th Group

The 48th Fighter Wing has taken over control of the 85th Group in a

largely symbolic ceremony last week at RAF Lakenheath, England. The 85th Group — a tenant unit of Naval Air Station Keflavik, Iceland, is a component of the U.S. European Command's Iceland De-fense Force. The 85th Group, an independent unit comprised of seven squadrons and 13 staff agencies, had been assigned to the 3rd Air

"The 85th Group's exceptional duty performance and its importance to the Iceland Defense Force won't change," said Maj. Gen. Mike Gould, 3rd Air Force commander, who presided over the ceremony.
"The U.S. military's commitment to our Icelandic allies and their defense won't change. Having the 85th Group report to the 48th Fighter Wing will simply enhance what is already there."

Counselors on hand to help last-minute voters

KAISERSLAUTERN, Germany - Voting assistance counselors will be on hand during peak hours at Ramstein Air Base's Northside Post

Office this week to help last-minute voters mail their ballots Voters who haven't received their absentee ballots or have other questions or concerns can talk with counselors from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

and 4-5:30 p.m. Wednesday through Friday The counselors will be able to provide Federal Write-In Absentee Ballots to voters who need them, said Maj. Brad Hammant, installation voting assistance officer for Ramstein and other 435th Air Base Wing

facilities The write-in ballots are in limited supply, so voters will have to go to the post office while counselors are there in order to get one, he said.

U.S. to give Poland \$66M to modernize military

WARSAW, Poland - The United States will give Poland some \$66 million over the next year to help modernize its armed forces, more than doubling Washington's military aid this year to a key ally in Iraq, a senior Polish official said Monday.

The Polish military will spend the aid on Humvee armored vehicles and Hercules aircraft meant to improve the security of convoys in Iraq and on other missions, deputy Defense Minister Janusz Zemke told TVN24 television. The aid figure for the fiscal year starting this month

Navy reassigns squadron leader aboard carrier

Replaced for a 'liberty incident' during a port visit

BY SCOTT SCHONAUER

Stars and Stripes

NAVAL STATION ROTA, Spain - The Navy has reassigned an F-14 Tomcat fighter squadron commander deployed aboard the aircraft carrier USS John F. Kennedy for a "liberty incident" that occurred on a port visit.

Rear Adm. Barry McCullough. commander of the Kennedy Strike Group, replaced Cmdr. Guy Maiden with Capt. W.R. Massey on Sunday, said Mike Maus, a U.S. Atlantic Fleet spokesman in Norfolk, Va. Maus said he could not give any details of the off-duty incident because of privacy con-

Maiden was the top officer in charge of Fighter Squadron 103 nicknamed the "Jolly Rogers."

The Navy announced Tuesday that McCullough took "adminis-trative action" against Maiden 44 The U.S. Navu takes these incidents very

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U.S. Navy statement

ates, when the incident happened, Maus said.

"The U.S. Navy takes these incidents very seriously and holds servicemembers accountable," the Navy said in a statement. "The JFK Strike Group leadership took immediate action to ensure and reinforce accountability for individual actions.

Cmdr. David Landess is en

deputy commander of Carrier Air Wing 17, will be in command until Landess arrives aboard

Maiden will be temporarily assigned to a command in the United States

The Kennedy, which is deploved to the Middle East, has had a tumultuous year.

On Oct. 8, the Navy replaced Rear Adm. John Godlweski as commander of the Kennedy carrier group because of unforeseen complications with a pre-existing medical condition.

On Aug. 27, the Navy fired the commander of the Kennedy because of a collision between the carrier and a small wooden boat in the Persian Gulf.

Earlier this month, a report released by the Navy said faulty equipment aboard the Kennedy and the failure of department heads contributed to the death of a sailor who died in April of toxic fumes while working in the sew-



Sherpas prove 'the aircraft that can' in Iraq

BY JULIANA GITTLER

Stars and Stripes

BALAD AIR BASE, Iraq ourteen hours before takeoff, the operations center of the 171st Aviation Regiment, owner of the C-23 Sherpa, gets a call that absentee ballots must absolutely, positively get to an airfield southwest of Mosul.

Can it do it? Of course.

Chief Warrant Officer 4 James Jackson, operations officer, adds an extra stop on a planned flight to Mosul.

Throughout the evening, he'll continue to change the cargo list: adding a needed box of blood for one stop and a crew of F-16 mechanics to another. Each time the phone rings, the mission can

"The Sherpa is the aircraft that said Lt. Col. Steven can Campfield, commander of the 6th Battalion, 52nd Aviation Regiment, which includes the Sherpa company. "I would say the Sherpa has been the workhorse in this

It moves critical supplies such as blood, repair parts and ammunition to anywhere with an airstrip.

For safety, pilots fly low and fast, racing along at 200 miles per hour, 100 feet above ground or occasionally lower.

"We dodge power lines," said pilot Chief Warrant Officer 4 Dave Smith, "We're down there with the helicopters for the most part.

Danger in a tin can

Back in the States. Sherpas have the same mission, moving small groups of people and medium-size cargo loads

"All we really did was lift up, change the scenery and add the threat," said Maj. John D. Boyer, company commander.

The threats, surface-to-air missiles, small-arms and indirect fire, force pilots to fly in a safety zone barely off the ground, a place many pilots have flown before

"A lot of [flying] tactics are determined from reaching back in our brains to our helicopter days. Although you're moving a lot faster than a heliconter, it's not very different," Boyer said.

At a low altitude, pilots use vision, not instruments, to navigate. Pilots and crew stand constant watch for wires, towers, hapless birds and anything suspicious on the ground.

"When we first got here, everything was out of the ordinary," said Sgt. Eric Muse, flight engineer. "That was kind of unnerving."

Very few Sherpas have been at-



tacked and none have been hit. The speed and low flights mean that by the time the enemy sees the plane, it's gone.

'You always worry about it, but you get used to it," said Chief Warrant Officer 4 Ken Long It's often the more banal obsta-

cles that are a concern. "When you're going 200 miles an hour, a 3-pound bird can have a huge impact," Smith said.

"All of us have hit birds," Jackson added. "I've seen some birds do some really bad things. Large flocks of small birds, they look just like a big cloud in front of

It's low enough to see rocks and shrubs, and smiles —or not — on people's faces.

'You can see their expressions. it's great," Muse said. Pilots say flying low isn't neces-

sarily difficult but requires intense concentration and can tire out a crew quickly. "It's demanding at low alti-

tude," Smith said. "It's physically demanding And unlike during higher-eleva-

tion flights, crews can never take a breather and rely on autopilot. On hot days, the cockpit can reach 130 degrees and the heat causes greater turbulence.

Out of the sky

Sherpas belong to the Army National Guard. They've been in use in the States for more than a decade but are now proving their mettle

The aircraft came to the Army unexpectedly, said Dale Chrise berry, company maintenance of-

In the 1980s, Congress bought

12 from a company in Northern Ireland. The Army tried using them, then handed them to the National Guard. Congress bought a total of 44 for the Guard after

they proved effective in moving people and cargo in the United They served a limited role in the Persian Gulf War, moving cargo in the rear. For Operation Iraqi Freedom, they were

brought in to Kuwait to take some burden off other means of transportation, Chrisenberry said. To cut flying time and distance the unit moved this year to Balad. keep the Sherpa low and fast to reduce exposure to attacks.

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a more central city in the country From the hub there, pilots circle out to local airstrips, from Mosul in the north to Kuwait in the

The C-23 can move quickly around the theater and provide similar supply capabilities as the CH-47 Chinook "They needed something in the

theater that could do what the Chinook does but with less down time for maintenance," Chrisenberry said. "There's nothing in the middle but the C-23.

Sherpas move about a half million tons of cargo a month and have ferried 9,000 people in six months, Campbell said.

"We can move 200 pounds of blood to Mosul in two hours," he

In July, with a day's notice, the company raced blood and ammunition to Fallujah to replenish Marines fighting there.

Not built for looks

Most people are surprised when they see the boxy prop.

"That's one thing we're actual-ly kidded about," Chrisenberry said. "It looks like an antique. The planes, all about 20 years

old, are made of aluminum boxes welded together. Inside, the ceiling is 6 feet high. They're made neap and are perfect for cargo.
"It's a very durable aircraft.

It's not built for looks." Chrisenberry said.

For passengers, the ride can be ror passengers, the ride can be uncomfortable, particularly in summer when turbulent air builds at low levels, giving it more of a roller coaster ride than a cruising plane.
"It's a trickledown effect," said

Chief Warrant Officer 3 Jerry Baker. "Once one person goes, several go."

The ride might be exhilarating or dreadful, depending on your constitution, but the aircraft is certainly memorable. So, too, is its function

And it's likely to play a role in the Army's future inner-theater, midsize transportation plan.

"What we're doing here is proof of concept," said Boyer. "This is definitely going to change Army aviation indefinitely." E-mail Juliana Gittler at

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Disabled vets get red tape, not ticker tape

Bureaucracy provides lots of indignities but little help planning life with no livelihood

BY BRIAN ROSS, DAVID SCOTT AND MADDY SAUER ABC News/Primetime Live

Following inquiries by ABC News, the Pentagon has dropped plans to force a severely wounded U.S. soldier to repay his enlistment bonus after injuries forced him out of the service.

Army Spc. Tyson Johnson III of Mobile Ala., who lost a kidney in a mortar attack last year in Iraq, was still recovering at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C., when he received notice from the Pentagon's collection agency that he owed more than \$2,700 because he could not fulfill his 36-month tour of duty

Johnson said the Pentagon listed the bonus on his credit report as an unpaid government loan, making it impossible for him to rent an apartment or obtain credit cards

"Oh man, I felt betrayed," Johnson said "I felt, like, oh, my heart dropped."

Pentagon officials said they were unaware of the case until it was brought to their attention by ABC News. "Some faceless bureaucrat" was responsible for Johnson's predicament, said Gen. Franklin "Buster" Hagenbeck, a three-star general and the Army's deputy chief of staff for per-

"It's absolutely unacceptable. It's intolerable," said Hagenbeck. "I mean, I'm in-credulous when I hear those kinds of things. I just can't believe that we allow that to happen. And we're not going to let it hannen.

The Department of Defense and the Army intervened to have the collection action against Johnson stopped, Hagenbeck

"I was told today he's not going to have a nickel taken from him," he said. "And I will tell you that we'll keep a microscope on this one to see the outcome.

'Not so good'

Hagenbeck also pledged to look into the cases of the other soldiers ABC News brought to the military's attention, including men who lost limbs and their former livelihoods after serving in Iraq.

"When you're in the military, they take good care of you," said the 23-year-old Johnson. "But now that I'm a vet, and, you know. I'm out of the military - not so good. Not so good."

Johnson had been flying high last September, after being promoted from Army private first class to specialist in a field ceremony in Iraq. Inspired by his father's naval background to join the military after high school, Tyson planned a career in the first step. But only a week after the ceremony took place, a mortar round exploding outside his tent brought him quickly back to Earth

"It was like warm water running down my arms," he said. "But it was warm

In addition to the lost kidney, shrapnel damaged Johnson's lung and heart and entered the back of his head. Field medical reports said he was not expected to live more than 72 hours

With the help of Army surgeons, he survived. As he recuperated, however, Johnson faced perhaps an even greater obstacle than physical pain or injuries - mili-

tary bureaucracy. Part of the warrior ethos, the soldier's creed of the U.S. Army, is to "never leave a fallen comrade

"And it doesn't just pertain to the battlefield." Hagenbeck said. "It means, when we get them home, they're a part of the Army family forever

But Johnson now lives in his car. It is where he spends most of his days, all of his nights, in constant pain from his injuries and unwilling to burden his family

Better off dead?

Stories like Tyson Johnson's are not

Many of the severely wounded soldiers returning from Iraq face the prospect of poverty and what they describe as official indifference and incompetence.

"Guys I've met, talking to people, they'd be better off financially for their families if they had died as opposed to coming back maimed," said Staff Sgt. Ryan Kelly, who served as a civil affairs specialist for the Army while in Iraq.

On July 14, 2003, the Abilene, Texas, native had been on his way to a meeting about rebuilding schools in Iraq when his unarmored Humvee was blown up. A piece of shrapnel the size of a TV remote took his right leg off, below the knee, almost completely, Kelly said.

Kelly attests to receiving excellent medical care at Ward 57, the amputee section of Walter Reed, but said he quickly realized that the military had no real plan for the injured soldiers. Many had to borrow money



Tyson Johnson III lost a kidney when a mortar round exploded outside his tent in Iraq last year. An attempt by the Pentagon to recover his service bonus destroyed his credit rating and left him unable to rent an anartment, so he lives in his car.

or depend on charities just to have relatives visit at Walter Reed, Kelly said.

"It's not what I expected to see when I got here," he said. "These guys having to, you know, basically panhandle for money to afford things.

A failing system?

Staff Sgt. Larry Gill, a guardsman from Semmes, Ala., wonders whether his 20 years of military service have been adequately rewarded.

Last October, Gill injured his left leg during a protest outside a mosque in Baghdad. A protester threw a hand grenade that left Gill, a former policeman, with his leg intact but useless. He received a Purple Heart, but no program, plan or proposal of how to make a living in civilian life.

"It's not fair, and I'm not complaining," Gill said. "I'm not whining about it. You

know, I just, I just don't think people really understand what we're being faced with.

Gill expects he will have to sell his home, the dream house he and his wife. Leah. designed and built, where they raised their children.

"I've never questioned my orders," he said. "I've slept with rats and stood in the rain and wondered why I was standing in the rain, and, you know, for my children to have to do without based on a lack of income from me, it's frustrating.

Leah Gill agreed. "I just don't feel we should have to unroot because of an injury that he received while he was serving the country," she

said. "It shouldn't come down to that. Gill and the others in Ward 57 have had their pictures taken frequently with visit-

ing politicians.
"Where are the politicians? Where are the generals?" he asked. "Where are the people that are supposed to take care of

Help and care will be forthcoming. Hagenbeck promised.

There in fact was a plan," he said. "But again, it was not integrated in a seamless fashion that it needed to be. And that was not even, really, to be honest with you, recognized probably until sometime about a vear ago. And these soldiers actually brought it to our attention about the transition problems."

Loval soldiers

To help these neglected soldiers, Hagenbeck said, the military created an advocacy program in April called Disabled Soldier Support System, or DS3. The network is set up to fight for a soldier's benefits and entitlements, ease transition to civilian life, and deal with any other problems facing a

disabled soldier, according to Hagenbeck. But still there are soldiers like Johnson who fall through the cracks.

One year after he was nearly killed in combat, the Pentagon has yet to send Johnson his Purple Heart medal.

The Pentagon collection notices, however, arrive without fail.

As to Kelly's discovery that he and his wounded comrades had to beg and borrow to pay for their loved ones to visit while they recuperate, Hagenbeck said a new policy just went into effect to alleviate part of the problem.

"There was no system in place to supnort them in their needs. And I'll be honest with you, until it came to our attention, to people that were paying attention, and then those that wanted to help, that obstacle was there," Hagenbeck said.

Incredibly, these soldiers remain dedicated to the military despite all they have

"Even though the way I'm being treated, you know, as a vet, I'd still go back in," Johnson said. "I would."

"I love being a soldier," Kelly said. "I don't regret what happened. If I had to go back to Iraq knowing that there was that chance of losing my leg, I'd do it. Because that's what the nation asked me to do."



Where to get help

The Disabled Soldier Support System, or DS3, is a \$1 million project to link badly disabled soldiers with the many government and private programs al ready in place to assist then

DS3 was introduced April 30 as a joint project between the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Af-

parents and friends can call 800-833-6622

or go to www.armyDS3.org to get infor-

The military defines "badly disabled" as having a 30 percent or more disability rating, which includes injuries such as amputations, blindness or disfigurement Col. Jacqueline Cumbo, chief of the DS3 Task Force, told Stripes in April

But the program is designed to accommodate any badly injured servicememer, whether the wounds are combat-reated or not, and no matter how long ago the person was hurt, Cumbo said.



Bush: Iraq will not mirror post-WWII Europe

Longtime presence of troops in nation not leader's vision

BY TOM RAUM

ABOARD AIR FORCE ONE — President Bush says he doesn't envision a long-time presence of U.S. troops in Iraq similar to post-World War II deployments in Europe and South Korea that continue today.

"I think the Iraqi people want us to leave once we've helped them get on the path of stability and democracy and once we have trained their troops to do their own hard work," Bush said Monday in a wide-ranging interview with The Associated Press.

Still, Bush said, "It's very difficult for me to predict what forces will exist, although I will tell you that Iraq's leadership has made it quite clear that they can manage their own affairs at the appropriate time."

If free and open Iraqi elections lead to the seating of a fundamentalist Islamic government, "I will be disappointed. But democracy is democracy," Bush said. "If that's what the people choose, that's what the people choose."

Bush steered nearly all questions dealing with Iraq to criticism of rival Sen. John Kerry just two weeks before a U.S. election that polls show to be close.

As to reports that Gen. Ricardo Sanchez, the former top general of U.S. forces in



President Bush answers a question Monday aboard Air Force One during an interview with The Associated Press.

Iraq, had wamed nearly a year age of supply problems in Iraq, Bush said: "There's a chain of command. When the commanders on the ground say they need more, we respond as quickly as possible, "Bush said. "He was asking about much-needed supplies. The Congress had an opportunity to vote on funding to get those supplies in the pipeline. And my opponent voted against

that funding," Bush said.
"What he needs to do is address why he voted against the \$87 billion [war spending request]," Bush said.

Kerry, D-Mass., voted against the \$87 billion request in October 2003, and Congress awe its final approval to the measure in November. A memo written by Sanchez asking for more equipment, according to a story in Monday's Washington Post, came a month later.

Kerry used the Sanchez incident to deliver fresh criticism of the president's Iraq

In his first interview since three debates with Kerry, Bush sat in his cabin on Air Force One, relaxing in shirt sleeves in a leather chair on a flight from Washington to New Jersey. Although Democrats have carried the state in every presidential election since 1988, Bush said, "We have a shot" this year.

Bush said he would not pass judgment on a unit of Army reservists who refused a mission on grounds that it would be too dangerous. The Army announced last week it was investigating up to 19 members of a platoon from a company based in South Carolina after they refused a supply mission.

"That's up to the military. The military will take the appropriate action on both their concerns as well as their actions," Bush said.

Asked whether the defiance reflected larger concerns among U.S. troops in Iraq, Bush said, "I need to know more about that. I understand this is a very rare incident."

Bush served in the Texas Air National Guard during the Vietnam War but did not go overseas. Asked whether he thought another overtime election was possible, like the 2000 contest that led to a recount of Florida ballots and a U.S. Supreme Court decision in Bush's favor, the president said: "Having gone through one election that didn't end until mid-December, I certainly hope we don't have to go through another.

"And so, therefore we will do everything we can to maximize our vote," he added with a smile.

On other topics, Bush:

- said Iran and North Korea, both with nuclear ambitions, are dangerous states, but not necessarily more so than when he was elected. He said the strategy he has followed "makes them less likely to take action that would make the world more dangerous".
- insisted he would not bring back the military draft, even if there were a crisis with North Korea or Iran. "I believe we've got the assets and manpower necessary to be able to deal with another theater should one arise," the president said.
- criticized Kerry, as Vice President Dick Cheney and his wife, Lynne, had done, for mentioning during last week's debate that one of Cheney's daughters is a lesbian. "I thought it was over the line," Bush
- said government officials remained concerned about the possibility of a terrorist attack before the Nov. 2 election. "We have no specific threat information. Otherwise we would have let everybody know. On the other hand we are on alert," he said, mentioning the train bombing in Madrid before Spain's elections.

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The Campaign is conducted each year during October to correct deficiencies prior to the more hazardous winter driving season. This is the time when hours of darkness increase and winter road and weather conditions begin. German garages, AAFES Car Care Centers and most U.S. Forces Vehicle Inspection Stations will be conducting courtesy (free of charge) inspections to check vehicle lighting systems to include headlights, taillights, fog lights and turn signals.

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Take advantage of the International Motor Vehicle Lighting Equipment Campaign and prepare you automobile for winter weather!





IN THE WORLD

Fisherman catches ancient statue

Greece found this 2.400vear-old bronze statue in his net earlier this month near the Kythnos in the Aegean Sea. The statue measuring 4 feet, 8 inches tall and weighing nearly 155 pounds was handed over to a mainland port authority before being taken to Athens under police guard. "Rased on preliminary examination of the fact that the figure is naked, and the anatomica detail, the statue resembles a voung athlete. a Culture Ministry statement said.



Spanish TV station airs Madrid bombing footage

The Associated Press

MADRID, Spain - A Spanish TV station on Tuesday broadcast chilling security-camera footage of the Madrid terror attack, including at least one bomb exploding inside a train at Atocha rail station.

The Telecinco footage was believed to mark the first public broadcast of actual video images of the March 11 attacks. The Spanish newspaper El Pais last month published four still shots from a security camera.

The video footage starts with dazed commuters milling about on a smoke-shrouded platform after one explosion. The time on the security camera said 7:38 am. Then, smoke flows toward the camera and people on the platform are apparently knocked over by another blast.

About five seconds later, a ball of orange flame erupts from a stopped train, filling the screen. The tane includes no sound, just

The footage appeared to have been taken from atop an escalator, looking down onto the plat-

Four minutes later, bodies are seen strewn on the platform amid puddles of blood. Police and emergency medical staffers attend to

The March 11 attacks killed 191 people and have been blamed on Muslim militants linked to al-Oaida

Cleric charged

LONDON - British authorities on Tuesday charged radical Islamic cleric Abu Hamza al-Masri with urging followers to kill non-Muslims and other offenses in a 16-count indictment that pre-empts a U.S. extradition bid.

Al-Masri appeared at Belmarsh Magistrates Court, where prosecutors read out the charges, only one of which fell under anti-terror legislation. The others fell under ordinary criminal law.

He also faces 11 terrorist charges in the United States, but Judge Timothy Workman granted a request from a lawyer representing the United States to suspend the extradition case until the British case was completed.

Al-Masri did not apply for bail. He faces a preliminary hearing on Oct. 26.

The British indictment includes 10 charges of soliciting or encouraging people to murder a person or people who did not believe in the Islamic faith.

From The Associated Press

Turkish bath blast hurts 18

ANKARA, Turkey - An appar-

Turk were in serious condition at

a hospital, a statement from the of-

fice of local governor Gunhan

Sarikava said the Anatolia news

agency reported. The bath's

"We think a gas leak from a liq-

owner was among the injured.

cials said.

12 foreign tourists among victims uefied petroleum gas canister caused the explosion," Sarikaya, tionality of the seriously injured

ent gas explosion injured 18 peonle, including 12 foreign tourists. said by telephone, adding that the at a Turkish bath in a Mediterranean resort town Tuesday, offiblast occurred when workers were welding a hot water contain-An unidentified tourist and one

The explosion caused damage to the bath's walls, the Anatolia reported.

The injured included five Ger mans, three Swedes, two Dutch people and one Russian, according to Sarikaya's office. The nafemale tourist was unclear. Earlier, authorities had said at least one tourist from Norway

was also among the injured About 30 other bathers who were inside the Turkish bath, or hamam, at the time of the blast, escaped without any injuries,

Sarikaya said. Konakli is close to the resort of Alanya, an area that is popular with visitors from Germany and Russia.

GM plants in Germany halt work as employees protest job cut plan

The Associated Press

BOCHUM, Germany - Lack of parts from a strikebound General Motors plant in Germany halted production at two other auto factories Tuesday, while GM workers across Europe rallied against a plan to cut up to 12,000 jobs on the continent.

About 20,000 people gathered in a downtown square in Bochum in Germany's Ruhr Valley industrial region with union flags and banners proclaiming, "We are fighting bad management,

Bochum workers fear their aging Adam Opel AG plant will be the worst hit, and have stayed off the job since parent company GM announced the re-structuring Thursday. They say they won't return to work unless they get assurances that no one will be fired — defying repeated government and union calls to resume production

"If Opel dies, the city will die, the region will die together, we want to prevent that," the chief em ployee representative at the plant, Dietmar Hahn, told demonstrators.

The walkout showed its first signs of squeezing GM's business elsewhere in Europe. Opel spokesman Ulrich Weber said production

ing Opel, Vauxhall and Saab operations. The company says it must reduce overhead costs to cope with sluggish consumer demand and increased competition from Japanese and other European

halted Tuesday morning for lack of parts usually supplied from Bochum, and a plant in Antwerp, Belgium, was also expected to come to a halt Tuesday.

Some 12,000 workers gathered for a march in Rüsselsheim, and work was to stop for two hours at Saab's manufacturing plant in Trollhaettan, Sweden, where more than 500 jobs are to go.

"The roof is burning at Opel, and General Motors is trying to put out the fire with gasoline," union official Udo Loewenbrueck told demonstrators in Rüsselsheim

"If they think they can drive their bulldozer mentality through Europe, they are mistaken," said Klaus Franz, Opel's chief employee representative. Unions called for Tuesday's "day of action" after GM announced that intends to cut at its money-los-

The company has struggled to fix problems in Europe for years, and Opel's current management concedes that its predecessors let quality problems

get out of hand in the late 1990s.





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IN THE STATES

Seniors told to avoid flu-shot lines

BY MITCH STACY The Associated Press

TAMPA. Fla. - U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson said Monday that enough flu vaccine will be available for most people who need it and told seniors to stop

standing in long lines to get a shot. "We want people to relax," Thompson said at a news confer-ence. "The flu season is not here."

On Tuesday, President Bush reassured older Americans that those most vulnerable will receive their shots

"I know some here who are worried about the flu season," Bush said during a rally, the first of three campaign appearances in the battleground state of Florida. "We have millions of vaccine doses on hand for the most vulnerable Americans. Millions more

weeks.

Seniors around the country have been standing in lines at shopping plazas to get flu shots since news of a shortage surfaced this month. British regulators shut down shipments from Chi-ron Corp., which had made millions of flu shots earmarked for the U.S. market. The shutdown cut the U.S. supply of flu shots almost in half.

Thompson said the flu vaccine supply will be reallocated to parts of the country where it is needed most. Seniors and very young children are most at risk for severe

complications from the flu-"We are looking all over the regions to find out where there is a shortage, and we will redeploy the resources to make sure the seget the vaccine first," he said. He noted that 91 percent of

will be shipped in the coming flu deaths last year were people 65 or older.

> Thompson advised people to first seek the shot from their doctor or a clinic. If that fails, they should contact the CDC in Atlan

ta, he said. Dr. Julie Gerberding, director of the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, said on ABC's "Good Morning America" that only a few cases of flu have been reported this season, and that 20 million doses would soon

be available for seniors. "We are reassuring people that vaccine is on the way," she said.

Last week, however, Gerberding had said it was unlikely all high-risk people who want a flu shot would be able find one.

Health officials in Ottawa, Canada, said Monday they may have more than 2 million doses of sur plus flu vaccine to help the United States battle its shortage, although U.S. officials have cautioned that imports were unlikely to be licensed in time for this flu

A Canadian manufacturer has more than 1 million extra doses and as many as 1 million other doses could become available, depending on Canadian demand, said David Butler-Jones, Cana-

da's public health officer.

In Atlanta on Monday, Dr. Mitchell Cohen, director of the CDC's coordinating center for infections diseases, said the current vaccine "will be distributed over a six- to seven-week period, so we have some opportunity to identify those areas" that need supplies "over the next week or so."

He said his staff was continuing to compile supply reports from each state but declined to name places that were low on flu Military bases ďole out limited vaccines

By Estes Thompson The Associated Press

RALEIGH, N.C. - At military bases already strained by the demands of war in Iraq and Afghanistan, the men and women who defend the nation aren't being defended against the flu

Soldiers who deploy are getting shots once they receive their orders, as are young children and others in at-risk groups, according to base spokesmen from around the state. But for many others in the military, flu shots are as scarce as they are for civilians.

Normally, the Navy hospital at Camp Lejeune would be getting 50,000 to 60,000 doses of flu vaccine for more than 40,000 active duty Marines, de-

pendents and retirees "There are none aboard the base at this time," said George Reynolds, director of community health at Lejeune's hospiwhich also covers needs at the New River air station. "We have not received the first

Deploying troops are excep tions to the federal rules that suggest only at-risk groups such as young children, the elderly and the chronically ill should receive the vaccine.

Marines who get deploy-ment orders as well as special operations soldiers and aviators also classified as highly deployable — meaning they might be called to leave the country at any time - will get vaccinated only once the De-partment of Defense decides how to dole out the military's vaccine supply.

But Marines who are staying at the base and normally would get flu shots will not this year. Anyone who comes down with the flu will be quaran-tined and treated by medical personnel, Reynolds said.

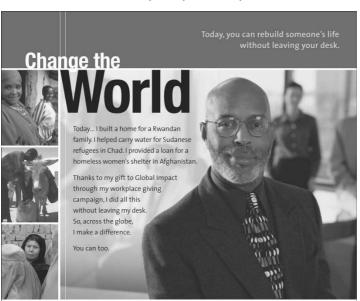
"We don't normally find high-risk people on active duty," Reynolds said. "They're all healthy individuals."

North Carolina's other large military installation — Fort Bragg — also is grappling with how to handle a limited supply

Army hospital spokeswoman Shannon Lynch said sol-diers deploying with the 18th Airborne Corps will receive the vaccine, but those who stay behind will not.

High-risk dependents will be vaccinated as shots become available. "Then it's pretty much take

care of yourself, for the rest of us," Lynch said. "If you're sick, don't go to work. If you sneeze, cover your mouth. Wash your hands frequently. If you use someone else's telephone, wipe it down.



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Cheney: Kerry not as tough on terror

BY ANDREW WELSH-HUGGINS The Associated Press

CARROLL, Ohio - Vice President Dick Cheney on Tuesday evoked the possibility of terrorists bombing U.S. cities with nuclear weapons and questioned whether Sen. John Kerry could combat such a threat, which the vice president called a concept "you've got to get your mind around."

The biggest threat we face now as a nation is the possibility of terrorists ending up in the mid dle of one of our cities with deadlier weapons than have ever before been used against us - biological agents or a nuclear weapon or a chemical weapon of some kind to be able to threaten the lives of hundreds of thousands of Americans," Cheney said.

"That's the ultimate threat. For us to have a strategy that's capable of defeating that threat, you've got to get your mind



Vice President Dick Cheney kicks off a bus tour of Ohio Tuesday with a town hall meeting at an airport hangar in Carroll.

around that concept," Cheney said.

Cheney, speaking to an invitation-only crowd as he began a bus tour through Republican strongholds in Ohio, said Kerry is trying to convince voters he would be the same type of "tough, aggressive" leader as Bush in the fight against terrorism.

"I don't believe it," the vice president said. "I don't think there's any evidence to support the proposition that he would, in fact, do it." Cheney praised the recent elec-tions in Afghanistan but said they

and we can walk away? No, it doesn't," he said. "This is three yards and a cloud of dust. There's no touchdown passes in this busi-ness. We'll stay as long as we need to help them train their own security forces, which we're doing actively so they can take over responsibility for their own

don't mean the U.S. mission there is finished "Does that mean it's over now

Youth vote target of draft debate

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - John Kerry says re-electing President Bush would create "the great potential of a draft." Not so, responds the incumbent: "The best way to avoid the draft is to vote for me

The fact that both Bush and Kerry are on record opposing mandatory military speaks volumes about the audience they're targeting - voung voters. The voting rate and preferences of 18- to 30-year-olds may

be the biggest wild card on Nov. 2. "One of the things that have been puzzling us is how young voters will behave on Election Day," said Andrew Kohut, an independent pollster at the Pew Research Center. "They've been pretty volatile, sometimes strongly in Kerry's camp and other times driven

back to Bush. Young voters were divided between Bush and Kerry in polling conducted this month by Ipsos-Public Affairs for Newsweek.com and The Associated Press. Among likely voters under age 30, Kerry led 52 percent to 42 percent. Exit polls from the 2000 election showed that Bush roughly split the under-30 vote with Democrat Al Gore.

Traditionally, young Ameri-cans have been among the least likely to vote. Of the 24 million eligible voters ages 18 to 24 in 2000 only one-third of them cast ballots, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. This year. Kohut said his polling shows an increase of 15 percentage points over 2000 in the number of young people saying they're registered to vote.

The research also shows a spike in the number of youths who say

Ford among them. The 21-year-old George Washington University student began the year favoring Bush but is now in Kerry's camp. "I don't like the war in Iraq, and I'm opposed to the draft," said Ford. who plans to vote absentee in his hometown of New York City

Farther down the street, fellow GWU student Ted Kennedy, 19, said he is firmly behind Bush after briefly wavering. The volunteer firefighter says Bush deserves a second term for his leadership after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, including the war in Iraq. "I'm the wrong person to ask about the draft, because if my number came up, I'm there. I'd fight. In a minute," he said.

The University of Pennsylvania's National Annenberg Election survey found that half of young people believe Bush wants to reinstate the military draft. Only 8 per-

cent said Kerry wants it. The day the poll was released, Bush said in his second debate with Kerry, "We're not going to have a draft, period."

Kerry wouldn't let it go. A week later, he told The Des Moines Reg-"With George Bush, the plan for Iraq is more of the same and the great potential of a draft."

On Monday, Bush accused Kerry of scare tactics and insisted he would not bring back the military draft, even if there were a crisis with North Korea or Iran. There is no doubt that there is a lot of distress about both the backdoor draft that already exists and the likelihood of instituting a regular draft if Bush continues these go-it-alone policies," said Kerry pollster Mark Mellman

Trevor Tompson of The Associat Press contributed to this report.

Ads feature relatives of 9/11 victims

BY LIZ SIDOTI The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - In emotional appeals, relatives of people who lost loved ones in the Sept. 11. 2001, terrorist attacks vouch for President Bush or Democrat John Kerry in new TV ads that try to persuade voters that just one of the two would best lead the country in a time of terrorism.

"I want to look in my daugh ter's eyes and know that she is safe, and that is why I am voting for John Kerry," Kristen Breit-weiser, whose husband was killed in the attacks, says in an ad by the Democrat's campaign In another commercial by a Re-

publican interest group, Ohio teenager Ashlev Faulkner recalls being comforted by Bush after her mother died in the attacks The president is shown embracing her "He's the most powerful man

in the world, and all he wants to do is make sure I'm safe, that I'm " the girl says. With two weeks to go in the

presidential campaign, terrorism, the 2001 attacks and the Iraq war are dominating the TV ad wars as commercials on those topics fill airwaves in key battleground states and on national cable networks

On Monday, Bush began running a new commercial that calls Kerry and "his liberal allies" a risk the country can't afford to take. His ad says, "After Sept. 11, our world changed. Either we fight terrorists abroad or face them here."

Over the past two days, Kerry has launched at least three ads about those issues. One assails Bush for a comment he made that "I truly am not that concerned about him," a reference to Osama bin Laden. Another released Tuesday argues that "it's time for a fresh start" and has Kerry assuring voters "I'll stop at nothing to get the terrorists before they get

Breitweiser narrates the third. Her husband, Ron, died in the

us.

World Trade Center, and her appeal on behalf of Kerry attempts to make the case that voters should oust Bush. Progress for America is spend-

ing \$14 million over the next two weeks to run its ad featuring the teenager Ashley Faulkner on cable networks and in nine states Florida, Ohio, Pennsylvania,
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World Trade Center insurance trial begins

BY KAREN MATTHEW

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Lawyers in the second World Trade Center insurance trial clashed during opening statements in federal court Monday over the relevance of a boilerplate policy that defines the 2001 terrorist attack as one event.

Bernard Nussbaum, a lawyer for trade center leaseholder Larry Silverstein, said none of the nine defendants in this case had signed onto the so-called Wilprop form.

In the first trial earlier this year, a jury ruled that 13 other insurance companies were bound by the form, which used language that defined the two planes hitting the two towers as one event.

"None of the nine companies in this case can claim its coverage was governed by the Wilprop form," Nussbaum said.

Lawyers clash over policy calling collapse one event

But Harvey Kurzweil, a lawyer for Travelers Indemnity Co., told the jurors that the parties intended for the companies that insured the trade center in a complicated 12-layer system to provide consistent coverage even if the contract wording differed from one company to another.

"The evidence will show that this coverage had to be seamless or else you will have gaps in coverage," he said.

Silverstein has argued that the trade center was destroyed by two events and he should get two insurance payouts of \$3.5 billion each. He suffered a blow when the jury in the first trial ruled that it constituted one event under contract language that affected those 13 insurers.

If Silverstein's lawyers can convince jurors in the second

trial that two terrorism incidents occurred, he will stand to collect double the \$1.1 billion of coverage provided by the nine defendants in this phase.

Silverstein has vowed to rebuild 10 million square feet of office space at ground zero regardless of how much money he collects from insurers. He and redovelopment officials plan to construct the 1,776-foot Freedom Tower, other skyscrapers and cultural buildings within the

Nussbaum told the jury that the evidence would show that two planes hitting two towers caused two separate fires and two separate building collapses.

"You will see that we suffered two distinct physical losses," he

aid. Kurzweil said that regardless of the sequence of events, the terrorism was part of a single, coordinated plot. And he said there was "a common industry understanding that 'occurrence' has a broad, aggregate meaning."

The two sides gave different interpretations of a clause in the Allianz Insurance Co. policy that stipulated that losses from tornadoes, cyclones, other natural disasters and "vandalism and malicious mischief" should be construed as one occurrence if losses happened within a 72-hour peri-

Nussbaum said the clause did not include airplane crashes or fires, but Allianz attorney John Massopust said insurance professionals including Silverstein's broker, Willis Group Holdings Ltd., have defined "vandalism and malicious mischief" to include terrorism.

Stem-cell endorsement

SAN FRANCISCO — Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger has en dorsed a S3 billion bond measure that would fund human embryonic stem cell research, a move that bucks Republican leaders and threatens to further strain the state's budet.

"California has always been a pioneer," Schwarzenegger said Monday. "We daringly led the way for the high-tech industry and now voters can help ensure we lead the way for the biotech industry."

The endorsement puts Schwarzenegger at odds with the state Republican Party and perhaps the Bush administration, which has limited federal funding of the research.

Benefits increase

WASHINGTON — More than 47 million Americans receiving Social Security will get a 2.7 percent increase — an extra \$25, on average — in their monthly checks next year.

The Social Security Administration announced the cost-of-living adjustment Tuesday, and the increase will start showing up in

crease will start showing up in checks in January. The latest increase was the largest since benefits rose by 3.5 per-

cent in 2001. Celebrex to be studied

NEW YORK — Pfizer Inc. plans a major study to see if its pain medication Celebrex can help osteoarthritis patients at risk for cardiovascular disease.

The announcement Monday comes almost three weeks after Merck & Co. pulled Vioxx, its rival drug that is also in a class of drugs called cox-2 inhibitors, from the market because it doubled the risk of heart attack and strokes in patients taking the medication longer than 18 months.

Last week, Pfizer said a study showed that Bextra, another cox-2 inhibitor it sells, increased the risk of heart attacks in patients that had coronary bypass operations.

Transplant postponed

DENVER — A kidney transplant brokered by a Massachusetts-based Web site was postponed Monday after hospital officials said they wanted to make sure the organ donation was ethical.

The announcement came on the same day a Colorado man had been scheduled to receive a kidney from a donor in Tennessee. They were brought together by the Web site MatchingDonors.com, and the transplant was to be the first performed with the help of the site.

However, after the donation

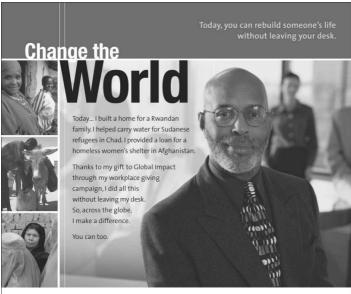
was arranged, the lead transplant surgeon, Dr. Igal Kam, returned from out of town and raised questions about how the match had been arranged, said Stephanie Lewis, a spokeswoman for Presbyterian/St. Luke's Medical Center. Officials decided to look into

whether the Canton, Mass.-based Web site or Smitty profited from the donation, she said.

Bob Hickey, 58, who was to receive the kidney, told KWGN-TV that he reported to the hospital as scheduled and was being prepared for surgery when he was told it would be postboned.

He told the station that he was considering possible legal action against the hospital.

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Just do vour iob

I am writing on the recent refusal by some of the soldiers of the 343rd Ouartermaster Company to run what they thought was a dangerous mission from Tallil to Taji, Iraq.

I am a soldier stationed on Camp Cooke in Taji, and I hate to tell you guys, but all missions in Iraq are dangerous. I am in a transportation company and we have been tasked doing something that we weren't originally trained for. We have been made into convoy security; in other words, we have been doing what normally is associat-

ed with military police. Now there are missions I don't want to go on, but you know what? I suck it up and drive on. I run missions on convoy securi

ty for fuel missions from Taji to different locations in Iraq ranging from Baghdad, Scania, Anaconda, Ramadi and Fallujah.

Saying that a mission is too dangerous and then refusing to follow orders is ludicrous. All the missions here are dangerous. You joined the U.S. Army, so why don't you act like it, and do your job.

Spc. Jared A. McHugh Camp Cooke, Iraa

An 'important' project?

Our unit was mobilized in December. 2003. We spent nearly three months at Fort Hood, Texas, preparing to get deployed.

We arrived in theater in early March We had conceded to the fact that we were all going to do our one-year tour and go home. We now hear through the rumor mill that our upper command is trying to get us extended for at least a couple more months, so that an "important" project can be finished.

I'm not against being extended for an emergency situation such as the 1st Armored Division was for three months, but extending us just because a project that isn't that important won't be completed? The incoming unit should be able to finish it, and if it can't, get a unit in here that can

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If the project was so important, why then did we start it only five months before our year was up? Why not start it sooner? I believe that the upper command wants to complete this project so that it will look good on their résumés.

If they want it to look good on their résumés for a promotion, or if it's because they don't have a real life or family back in the States, then let them extend themselves and send the rest of us home

If they have their way, we will have been mobilized for over 19 months before being released from active duty, leaving behind our jobs and our families.

The Air Force, the Marines and the active-duty Army, for the most part, are getting to leave on time. It is the reserves that are being extended so that other soldiers can go home. Reserves are treated differently and catch hell because we are citizen soldiers. No one stands up for us. I guess we have to do it for ourselves

Spc. Will Vick

Camp Cooke, Iraq

Boxing in the smokers

In response to "Clear picture on smoking" (Oct. 10), it is highly possible that secondhand smoke causes health problems, but that has never been proven.

The letter writer's rights to a smokefree environment are not being violated, the ashtray is enforcing that. The ashtray is there so people don't smoke inside, and so they don't litter.

First, smokers are pushed into a "section," then outside, then 50 feet away; now the writer wants a box for them to stand in. A group of people tried that in the past, persecuting a group of people and shoving them into boxes where they choked to death on smoke

Staff Sgt. Christopher Lammert Baghdad International Airport, Iraq

Hurting Muslim religion

I hope the holy month of Ramadan leaves its implications on those who claim to protect the religion while they are actually damaging it.

Religion, any religion, particularly those that were brought to humanity by messen gers of God, like Judaism, Christianity and Islam, aimed to refine human behavior, to establish peace, common understanding, forgiveness and the well-being of the human race.

The prophets themselves set a high example of these values. Moses brought wisdom, Jesus paid for the sins of all and Muhammad called for mercy and peace

Ramadan is not a month of depriving Muslims of their basic needs: food, water and sex. It calls for men to feel the needs of others, to sympathize with the poor, to help the weak, to live in peace with your-

self and with others. Those who do not observe these values are far from being Muslims and far from

being humans.

Adnan A. Al-Jamie Baghdad

First the results, then the vote in Lukashenko's Belarus

BY DALE MCFEATTERS Scripps Howard News Service

he Iron Curtain has long fallen in Eastern Europe, but one sad relic of the Soviet empire remains -Belarus. Belarus is ruled by Alexander Lukashen-

ko, a Soviet-style strongman and admirer of Stalin who was elected in 1994 in the country's last and only election that could be considered anything close to fair.

In a pattern drearily reminiscent of how the Soviets tightened their control of Eastern Europe after World War II, opposition leaders have been beaten and jailed and very likely murdered; the parliament largely stripped of power; the judiciary staffed with Lukashenko lackeys; and independent media and schools shuttered.

No sign of latent opposition is too petty for the regime to crush. According to the Toronto Globe and

Mail, seven bands that played at an opposition rally have been banned from the airwaves and clubs and arenas have been strong-armed into refusing to book them.

Periodically Lukashenko goes through the cynical charade of letting the people vote in rigged elections, the results of which the United States and the European Union have refused to recognize. On Sunday, there was another bogus elec-

tion. To no one's surprise, the voters approved a measure removing term limits. thus enabling Lukashenko, 50, to stay in power indefinitely. And, also to no one's surprise, none of the handful of opposition candidates who were allowed on the ballot won.

A journalist critical of the regime, who works for a Russian TV channel outside Lukashenko's reach, was beaten up by the police and, for good measure, slapped that old Soviet-era charge of "hooliganism. Lukashenko has accurately been de scribed as Europe's last dictator.

He has great dreams of resurrecting the Soviet Union but for the meantime must settle for oppressing his own 10 million people. True, Belarus doesn't have gulags, but no one can say with confidence that this historical oversight won't last.

Time has tended to soften the brutality and repression of the old Soviet system. Peo ple who didn't experience it firsthand often think that system couldn't have been as bad as people say. Lukashenko's Belarus is a piece of living history that says yes, it really

was that bad - and still is

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BY GARRY TRUDEAU

OPINION

Climate right to determine why species died

BY BETSY MASON

WALNUT CREEK, Calif.

aber-toothed cats, woolly mammoths and giant ground sloths roamed across North America until 10,000 years ago, when nearly every large mammal on the continent disappeared. For decades, scientists have been trying to uncover why.

Now a University of California research team says the answer could be a harbinger of things to come.

The scientific community has been ripped in two over this issue and tensions run high between those who would blame humans' arrival, thought to be just 1,000 years or so before the extinctions, and those who point to climatic upheaval at the end of the last ice

In recent years, evidence against prehistoric humanity has been piling up. But now a team from UC Berkeley and UC Santa Cruz have done the scientific equivalent of a bipartisan look at the evidence and weighed in on the intense debate in the pages of the journal Science this month.

Their verdict is that neither suspect is innocent.

"It's really a combination of humans and climate change," said UC Berkeley paleobiologist Anthony Barnosky. "It's this one-two punch that's the killer, so to speak."

Today, with a growing population and global warming, both elements of that combination are ramping up at unprecedented rates. It's a situation that could spell disaster for the planet's current crop of large mammals, Barnosky said.

The oldest solid evidence of human presence in central North America dates to somewhere between 11,000 and 11,500 years ago. This first group, known as the Clovis civilization, was full of hunters who left stone spearheads scattered across the landscape. In a few cases, the spearheads have been found at "kill sites" along with mammoth and mastodno hones.

Around 1,500 years later, mammoths,

mastodons and more than 30 other large gless, how the Merica mammals including camels, rhinos, saber-toothed cats and giant ground sloths, were all extinct. The suspicious timing, along with the kill sites, led many scientists to the idea that humans either hunted these animals into oblivion one by one in a prehistoric biltzérieg, or at least killed enough to trigger a population collarse.

But clouding the picture is the fact that the last ice age was ending at the same time. Glaciers that once covered most of the continent were receding and weather systems and vegetation patterns were undergoing drastic reorganization. Some scientists think the stress of this upheaval was the more likely culprit in the extinctions.

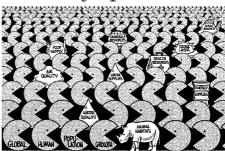
The most likely scenario is that the combination was to blame, said UC Santa Cruz paleobiologist Paul Koch. "Humans were setting this catastrophe in motion, but at the same time there was a strong climate signal"

The picture is somewhat less muddled in other parts of the world that also suffered mass extinctions. In Australia, people arrived around 50,000 years ago and most of the largest animals were gone 10,000 years later, including giant carnivorous kangaroos, horned tortoises the size of Volkswagen Beetles, and 6-foot-tall birds. All the while climate was relatively stable.

Disagreement persists about whether the Australian extinctions were caused directly by hunting or by people burning the landscape to ease travel and hunting, but most agree that somehow people are to blame.

In Alaska and the Yukon, however, several large animals such as short-faced bears, two species of horses and the local population of mammoths all disappeared before there is any evidence of human invasion. The same is true for some species of deer and elk in Ireland. In both cases, climate change coincides with the extinctions.

And in Europe, there is evidence of human hunting for at least 400,000 years with no extinctions. But around 50,000 years ago, when the climate was cooling rapidly,



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and 20,000 years ago, when it started heating back up, there are spikes of extinctions. Similarly, in Africa many large mammals

Similarly, in Africa many large mammals have managed to escape extinction over hundreds of thousands of years of commingling with humans.

All of this evidence from around the globe points to a lethal combination, Barnosky said. "Humans were very much a driving force, but where you really had the most pronounced extinctions is where you had climate change and humans coming together at the same time."

Central North America remains the most controversial, as well as the most studied, case of recent mass extinctions, and each new piece of evidence fuels the debate.

Looking even further back in the history of mammals before humans had evolved, over the last 65 million years extinctions don't match up with major climate changes, said evolutionary biologist John Alroy of UC Santa Barbara.

"There are tons and tons of climate changes in the fossil record of mammals, but these recent mass extinctions are unprecedented," Alroy said. "I think once you got humans onto the [North American] continent, climate became totally irrelevant." Still, others think humans merely swept

Still, others think humans merely swept into North America for the coup de grâce, speeding the inevitable end of a process brought on by climate change.

"Without environmental change, people weren't able to bring them down elsewhere like Africa and Europe," said paleontologist Holmes Semken of the University of Iowa. "So there's got to be more than just people involved."

If 'Barnosky and Koch are right about human population growth and rapid climate change being a killer combo in the past, they think this could be an important lesson for the future. With global warming potentially heating up the climate at an unprecedented rate, and ever increasing pressure from spiraling population growth, today's large mammals may soon go the way of the mammoth.

National credit-card bill is in, and it draws interest

BY DALE MCFEATTERS

Scripps Howard

The deficit figures for the federal fis-

cal year that ended Sept. 30 are in

and they are bad, maybe not quite as bad as predicted, but still bad. For fiscal 2004, the federal government spent \$413 billion more than it took in, an all-time record in absolute dollars and the largest shortfall since World II in inflation-aditated dollars.

The Bush administration argues that the decision is far less than forecast, thus showing economic improvement, and that the deficit is a manageable 3.6 percent of GDP, well below the record 6 percent in 1983. Treasury Secretary John Snow says we're on track to meet President Bush's goal of halving the deficit in five years.

As they say, "Yes, but ...

At the start of the year, the White House foresaw a deficit of \$521 billion in a forecast that most analysts regarded as a highball, intentionally overstated so that the White House could later claim, as it is doing now, that the shortfall is not as bad as predicted.

Still, the more restrained forecast of the Congressional Budget Office was for \$477 billion. Even if this year's number could have been worse, it's still a lot more red ink than last year's \$377 billion, itself a record. The nation has been in deficit since 2001 and each succeeding deficit has been larger.

The same with the 3.6 percent of GDP. Yes, it's manageable but it is growing, and it is now the highest since 1993. The Bush administration had hoped to grow its way out of the deficit, but the recession ended in November 2001 and growth has been solid since then.

The Reagan administration did set a record with a deficit that was 6 percent of GDP, but that followed the economically miserable year of 1982, one of the worst since

the Depression. By contrast, 2003 and 2004 have been good economic years.

Says the Center for Budget and Policy Pri-

orities: "Few occasions in U.S. history have produced budget deteriorations this large over a four-year period." ...

How did we get here? The administra-

tion's and Congress' relentless focus on cutting taxes and none at all on controlling spending. The president could well finish his first term without ever vetoing a bill. The administration argues that it has been forced to increase defense spending — and it has by about 20 percent — but nondefense spending is up more than 25 percent. And there is now that costly Medicare drug entitlement.

All this might not matter, but the country has to be in sound economic shape to pay the massive impending health and retirement costs of the baby boom generation. We can't say we haven't been warned.

Mallard Fillmore

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BY BRUCE TINSLEY

YOUR MONEY

Two-income families: Prosperous and precarious

Los Angeles Times

HORNELL, N.Y. - Millions of Americans have relied on two factors to help them handle the heightened risks of the last 25 years: the entry of women into the paid work force and borrow-

Today, more than 70 percent of mothers work outside the home, compared with less than 40 per-

cent in the 1970s. although women's arrival in the full-time work force has been driven by forces as disparate as feminism and the triumph of brain over brawn, their influx could hardly have come at a better time for millions of work-ing families. It has provided house

holds with the insurance of a second wage earner in case anything happens to the first.

Yet women's employment also has meant new costs — for day care, extra cars, more meals out. and most families have treated the additional income not as savings to be set aside in case of emergency but as a means of raising living standards.

An analysis of two decades of the government's consumer expenditure survey, Washington's tally of what Americans buy, shows that the fraction of spending going toward big-ticket items such as houses, cars and private schools has increased to more

than 50 percent as the number of earners within families

The situation "puts families in a bind," said Raj Chetty, a University of California, Berkeley econo-mist who specializes in studying risk. "It means that if they are hit with an economic shock, they have to adjust to it by making bigger changes in the part of their

budget that is still not locked in." 44 We've allowed In other words,

people have ended up leading lives that are more prosperous and more precari-

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in America. To help cope. many Americans Elizabeth Warren borrowed. Arguably, borrow-Harvard Law School ing has become professor, author of this genera-"The Two-Income Trap" tion what unem-

> pensation, the GI Bill and government-guaranteed mortgages were for a previous one — a way to tide over one's family during bad times and reach for a better

The traditional measure of household debt — calculated as a percentage of a family's after-tax income — has climbed from 62 percent a quarter century ago to almost 120 percent, according to Federal Reserve statistics. Much of that increase is from the rush of mortgage lending during the decade. but nonmortgage debt also has risen, from 15 per cent to almost 24 percent of



Ron Burtless, 49, fixes dinner while grandson Nicky cuddles with daughter Mary, the boy's aunt. Burtless had planned to retire from Bethlehem Steel next year. Now, with the company's assets sold, he's told he has to wait until he's 62. "I'm thankful to have the job." says Burtless, who faces more than \$90,000 in medical bills, "But 41 years in the mill seems like a high price to pay for retirement, especially if I have to go broke."

Economists and policy-makers have generally applauded the growth of borrowing as a boon to the economy and a blessing for ayerage Americans. They have portrayed the extension of credit to families further and further down the income scale as part of a

sweeping democratization of fi-

But even upbeat commentators such as Dean M. Maki, a former Fed economist now with J.P. Morgan Chase & Co. in New York, acknowledge that families' growing reliance on debt exposes them to new risks, especially if interest rates rise

Maki estimates that the interest cost on about one-quarter of household debt is now variable and prone to swell if overall rates

The borrowing boom already produced one disturbing sonal bankruptcies since 1980. Bankruptcy filings reached a record 1.625 million last year and were up again through March of this year. Two decades ago, they totaled 288,000. "We've allowed bankruptcy to

trend - a sixfold increase in per-

become commonplace in Ameri-ca," said Elizabeth Warren, a Harvard Law School professor who. with her daughter, Los Angeles business consultant Amelia W Tyagi, has written an influential book on bankruptcy and people's financial strains called "The Two-Income Trap."

Monday's Market Summary

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Canada (Dollar)	1.2558
Denmark (Krone)	5.61
Egypt (Pound)	6.1800
Hong Kong (Dollar)	7.7900
Hungary (Forint)	197.31
Iceland (Krona)	68.12
Israel (Shekel)	4.4720
Japan (Yen)	109.27
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.29407
Norway (Krone)	6.21
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Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.59
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INTEREST RATES

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Discount rate2.7
Federal funds market rate1.750
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30-year bond4.8
Sources: The Associated Press, Bank of

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Check out '04, '05 cars

NEW YORK - If you're in the market for a new car, you may be torn between the features in a new 2005 model and the low prices for 2004 models that dealers are clearing from the lots.

The first thing to consider is how long you plan to keep your new car, according to Mark Mc-Cready, director of pricing strategy and market analysis at Cars-Direct.com, an automotive re search Web site. If you plan to keep the car for five years or more, it won't matter much which model you choose.

But if you plan to own the car for three years or less, you're better off with the 2005s. initial depreciation you'll take with an '04 is substantial," Mc-Cready said. "You're buying a 1-year-old car."

Next, consider how picky you are. "Most of the '04s are long sold out." he said — which may eave you with only demo models, odd colors and unusual configurations. If you must have a certain color or a certain configuration of options, you'll probably be better off choosing among the newer models. Keep in mind that manufacturers stagger the release of their new models. There may be more makes of

some '04 vehicles on the lot than Then check out rebates and pricing. This year, many manufacturers are offering less-substantial rebates for popular '04 models. "There may not be a large price difference," he said.

Finally, you should compare the old and new model side by side. To do so, visit

www.carsdirect.com/

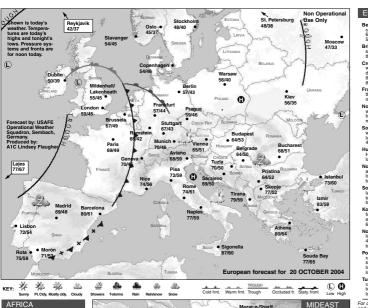
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EUROPEAN FORECAST

Benelux: Cloudy and breezy with rain. Highs in the mid 50s to upper 60s, lows in the mid 40s to lower

Britain, Ireland: Cloudy with rain-showers. Highs in the 50s, lows in the upper 30s to mid 40s.

Croatia and Bosnia: Mostly cloudy with morning fog and isolated thunderstorms in the evening. Highs in the upper 60s to lower 70s, lows in

the lower 50s France: Cloudy with rain. Highs in the mid 60s to mid 70s. lows in the mid 40s to mid 50s.

Northern Germany: Mostly cloudy with rainshowers. Highs in the mid to upper 50s, lows in the lower to mid 40s.

Southern Germany: Mostly cloudy with rain. Highs in the mid 50s to lower 70s, lows in the mid to upper 40s.

Hungary: Cloudy with rainshowers. Highs in the mid 60s, lows in the lower 50s.

Northern Italy: Mostly cloudy with afternoon rainshowers. Highs in the lower to mid 60s, lows in the mid 40s to upper 50s.

Southern Italy: Partly cloudy with iso-lated rainshowers. Highs in the mid to upper 70s, lows in the upper 50s to lower 60s. Kosovo: Mostly cloudy with morning

fog and isolated thunderstorms in the evening. Highs in the lower to mid 60s, lows in the lower 50s.

Norway: Cloudy and breezy with iso-lated rainshowers. Highs in the mid 40s to mid 50s, lows in the mid 30s to mid 40s.

Portugal, Spain: Mostly cloudy with rainshowers and isolated thunder-storms. Highs in the upper 60s to lower 80s. lows in the upper 40s to lower 60s

Turkey: Partly cloudy with isolated rainshowers. Highs in the lower 70s to mid 80s, lows in the mid 40s to lower 60s.

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Safety drill

MD LARGO — Two loud explosions rocked a Metro train at the new Largo station. But this was only a drill.

Metro teamed with fire and rescue squads from the District of Columbia, suburban Maryland and Northern Virginia to simulate a rescue operation for about 15

mock victims trapped in a burning train. It was an exercise designed to prepare firefighters to work safely near the electrified rail that powers the subway trains.

The goal is to keep rescuers safe, said Fred C. Goodine, Metro's assistant general manager for safety and risk protection. Metro is the nation's only transit system that has invested in the rescue carts that ride on the tracks to carry equipment or victims and also the electrical safety equipment that rescuers need, Goodine said.

Boater saves the day

FL NEW PORT RICHEY —
Three people were helped from a burning casino shuttle boat by an off-duty Coast Guard rescue swimmer who was boating nearby.

Petty Officer 2nd Class Robert Morgan drove his private boat to the 75-foot shuttle and rescued the three people on board, the Coast Guard said in a news release. One of the victims was hospitalized for treatment of smoke inhalation.

The shuttle boat, which belongs to the Sun Cruise Casino ship, caught fire in a channel and burned to its waterline. The Coast Guard was investigating.

The victims' names were not re-

Wellstone memorial

MN EVELETH — A new memorial will honor the late Sen. Paul Wellstone, his wife and daughter, and five others who died in a plane crash in 2002.

The design of the Wellstone Memorial and Historic Site is scheduled to be unveiled near the crash site, which is in a swamp two miles south of the Eveleth airport.

Wellstone, his wife, Sheila, and their daughter, Marcia Markuson, along with three campaign workers and two pilots, were killed on Oct. 25, 2002, just days before the Senate election.

The memorial to the progressive Democrat, who served 12 years the Senate, includes a walking trail featuring plaques about the victims and a monument near the crash site, said Bill Lofy, spokesman for Wellstone Action, a nonpartisan, nonprofit political training organization founded by Wellstone's sons.

Seeking higher pay

HIMONOLULU — The pressident of the union representing Hawaii public school teachers says he wants the most experienced teachers to eventually be add \$100,000 a year. Roger Takabayashi said he would like to see salaries of \$45,000 a year for starting teachers and an average salary of \$60,000. Teachers now start at

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\$36,486, average \$42,768 and top out at \$66,203.

Don't forget the porn

LOGAN — A sheriff's department in northern Utah is requiring deputies to begin documentum pornography found at crime scenes and during arrests.

Lt. Matt Bilodeau, spokesman for the Cache County Sheriff's Department, said that although no connection between legal porn viewing and criminal behavior has ever been proven, police have seen a steady increase in porn associated with crimes.

He likened the new tracking system to the approach police use with gang members.

Dani Eyer, head of the American Civil Liberties Union of Utah, compared the program to scouring a suspect's bookshelf and trying to create a criminal profile from the things that person reads.

Insecticides save trees

EAST LANSING — Insecticides have proven effective in killing 45 to 96 percent of the larvae of ash borers, which have been killing the state's ash trees.

The insectides were tested at several sites this summer, said Deborah McCullough, a forest entomologist at Michigan State University.



Elvis unveiled

An Elvis Presley sculpture, created by sculptor Eric Kaposta of Houston, is unreiled in front of the Municipal Auditorium in Shreveport, La., a day before the 50th anniversary concert celebrating Presley's first performance at the auditorium in 1954. The bronze sculpture is 7½ feet tall, weighs approximately 1,000 pounds and cost more than \$60.000 to make. The latest results were presented at the second annual international emerald ash borer science panel meeting, which drew researchers to Romulus earlier this month. They discussed their progress in learning more about the invasive wood-horing beetle.

The ash borer has killed more than 8 million ash trees in Michigan and also has infested trees in Ohio, Indiana, Vireinia, Maryland and Ontario.

Treatments can cost \$50 to \$200 per tree per year, depending on the tree and method used.

Court aid for homeless

ALBUQUERQUE — Approgram aimed at helping homeless people resolve outstanding misdemeanors is triving. Court officials said about 200 cases have passed through the program since it started two years ago. The court sessions help the homeless help the special court sessions help the homeless are as a continuous continuous programs. The court sessions help the homeless are the special court sessions help the homeless are the court sessions are the court sessions and the court sessions are the court sessions and the court sessions are continuously as the continuously as the court sessions are continuously as the continuously as the

Controversial rock

IN GREENWOOD — Some neighbors aren't thrilled with the rock in gun dealer Don Davis's front yard promoting armed protection, but he vows that only a judge can make him move it.

The 8-foot ornamental rock, in front of the home Davis recently built near this Indianapolis suburb, depicts an eagle and the U.S. flag.

The inscription: "It's better to own a gun and not need it than to need a gun and not own it."

The Highland Park neighborhood association has received many complaints about the rock, which violates the group's covenants, president John Nystrom said. However, Davis, the owner of two Don's Guns shops in Indianapolis, isn't budging.

Doctors skipping town

LOUISVILLE — Kentucky has lost about a third of its obstetricians and gynecologists in the past five years because of growing concerns over malpractice insurance, the Kentucky lost 212 of 67 licensed obstetricians/gynecologists from 1999 to 2003. The losses have continued this year, the association said Seventy counties lack obstetricians; at least two hospitals have closed their maternity wards.

Debate nixed

PORTLAND — The
League of Women Votes
of Lane County canceled the only
scheduled debate among the three
candidates for Oregon secretary of
state Rep. Betsy Close, a Republican, had disputed rules that allowed candidates to question each
other. Then incumbent Bill Bradbury, a Democrat, said he wouldn't
attend unless Close did. The candidates, including Libertarian Richard Morley, haven't faced one another in a public forum.



He never gets a break Agiant, inflatable Maytag man floats above a building as Novel Carter holds the door open with her foot at the Megawash laundromat in Kansas City, Mo.



Solemn stroll Alone cadet walks past trees turning their autumnal colors as a fall storm packing high winds and cloudy skies envelopes the chapel on the campus of the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colo.



Rallying around marriage Participants gather on the Mayday for Marriage rally. The rally, sponsored by the nonprofit organization Mayday for Marriage, was held to protect marriage and preserve its definition under the law, according to event organizers.



Hoping to repeat win Dora Pearce stirs a witch's brew of chill at the Havelock Chill Festival in Havelock, N.C. Pearce was tending the booth of Jerone's Chill, last year's winner for best chill. This year more than 20 recipes were competing for the honor.



Slippery job Zack O'Leary, right, carries bags filled with oil-covered wood debris down a Vashon Island, Wash, beach near Neill Point. O'Leary and other contract laborers working for the National Response Corporation, spent the day cleaning one of the most solicel beaches affected by an oil spill.

Bookmaking charge

NH ATKINSON — A former sports bar owner has been charged with running a bookmaking operation from his home, where a former police officer committed suicide four years ago.

Walter Jarosz, 47, faces six counts of illegal gambling and one charge of falsifying physical evidence, according to unsealed indictments.

Jarosz is free on bail. Rockingham County prosecu-

ROCKINGMAIN COUNTY prosecutors said the bets were placed on college or professional sports games. The dates of the bets coincided with "March Madness," the NCAA college basketball tournament.

Bringing back the camp

NEW CASTLE — Easter Seals Virginia is attempting to raise more than \$1\$ million to restore a popular Craig County camp that was devastated by Hurricane Jeanne.

Camp Easter Seal-West has

been a favorite of campers with disabilities since it opened in 1957. Each year, Easter Seals brings more than 500 children to the highland meadow.

But after Jeanne, the camp has closed for the year and turned away those who had hoped to spend weeks there this fall.

The 7 inches of rain that fell on Craig as the remnants of Hurricane Jeanne passed over caused \$1.2 million in damage at the camp, yet insurance will cover only \$90,000, Hutchinson said.

Hospital: Pay up

MA BOSTON — A Springfield hospital has been placing liens on the homes of patients to collect on bills, a move that is raising the eyebrows of health care advocates and state officials.

Baystate Medical Center over

the past 15 months took 300 patients to court and had liens placed on the homes of 46 patients, the Boston Sunday Globe reported. State officials plan to look into the practice.

"Hospitals should not put liens on poor people's homes," Paul Cote, state commissioner of Health Care Finance and Policy, told the Globe.

Cote oversees the "free care" program, which helps the poor pay medical bills. He said he would look into Baystate to see if it is violating state regulations that protect the poor from unfair collection methods.

Agency on dancer's side

OMAHA — The Nebraska Equal Opportunity Commission is dedicated to eliminating discrimination involving the elderly, minorities, immigrants and even, it seems for tooless dancers

The state attorney general's office has filed a lawsuit on behalf of the agency against an Omaha real estate company because it refused to rent an apartment in west Omaha to a stripper.

The Richdale Group had declined to lease an apartment to Charleigh Greenwood after she listed her occupation as a "dancer" at a Council Bluffs Lowa Jourge

The NEOC in its lawsuit said such a refusal discriminates against women because labor statistics show women make up 98

percent of dancers in the state and 96 percent of dancers nationwide.

Suspect critical

MI DELTA TOWNSHIP — A man suspected of fatally shooting two women was in critical condition after he took a restaurant waitress hostage and police shot him in the chest.

The suspect took the waitress hostage in a restaurant about 10 miles west of Lansing after police confronted him and an accomplice. She was shot in the leg and her injuries were not life-threatening, police said.

Police said they were investigat-

The two men are suspected of killing Elizabeth Lowe, 24, and Brandy Lowe, 21. The women, who were cousins to each other, were found shot in a Lansing park and later died in a hospital.

Police funding feud

MY BUFFALO — Officials in more than a dozen Buffalo-area towns are furning over a
threat from cash-strapped Erie
County to half police services in
rural communities. The county notified 16 towns stretching from
Clarence to Wales that it will stop
providing Sheriff's Department
protection on Jan. 1 unless the
towns reimburse the department.

Record-breaking crop

LIMANPAIGN — Illinois farmers are expected to harvest more than 2 billion bushels of corn and nearly 483 million bushels of sorybeans this fall, new records for both crops, the U.S. Department of Agriculture said. Nationally, the corn crop is expected to reach a record 1.1 6 billion bushels, I5 percent more than last year, and the soybean harvest is expected to be 2.1 1 billion versible. 27 per-

Money for family

MS GULFPORT, Miss. — The Veterans Affairs Hospital in Biloxi was ordered to pay nearly \$536,000 to the family of a veteran who died five years ago of an aneurysm. The award went to the widow of Thomas Harrison. Harrison, 64, died Aug. 7, 1999, less than three months after an X-ray showed he had an aneurysm. He was waiting to have surgery scheduled.

Generous lawyer

Attorney General Mike Cox is paying \$340,000 in bonuses this month to 240 members of his legal staff.

The bonuses range from \$150 to \$1,700 for employees who earn up to \$110,000 a year. Cox said the staffers worked many hours of uncompensated overtime. They and other state workers also got a 4 percent pay raise Oct. 1.

College funding crunch

GA ATLANTA — The Board of Regents averted a proposed 10 percent midyear tuition increase for public college students. Under pressure from Gov. Sonny Perdue, the board chose several other ways of absorbing \$64.8 million worth of cuts. Perdue agreed earlier to cut the university system's share of the bud-est shortfall from \$68 million.

Stories and photos from wire service:

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10:00	Arthur (EI)	his teen daughter's rape.		Jeopardy!	Hardball With Chris Matthews		Sensible Chic	Jeopardy!
10:30	Between the Lions (EI) Sagwa-Siamese Cat	Movie *** "Glory" (1989.	Guiding Light	Headline News ESPNews	CNN Daybreak		Fashion File E! News Live	Headline News ESPNews
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12:00	Dora the Explorer (EI)	young Union officer leads an	Headline News	The Simple Life	The O'Reilly Factor	Sports Center	That '70s Show	The Simple Life
12:30	The Wiggles "Nutrition"	all-black regiment.	Judge Judy	The Simple Life	1		Girlfriends	The Simple Life
13:00	Bob the Builder	Movie * * "Kiss the Girls"	Today Allison Janney; Geralyn	America's Next Top Model	Good Morning America	MLB Baseball American	Charmed 'Wrestling With	America's Next Top Model
13:30	Dragon Tales (EI)	(1997) Morgan Freeman, Ashley Judd. An escaped victim and a	Lucas.			League Championship Series Game 6 - Boston Red Sox at	Demons"	
14:00	Blue's Clues Colds. Barney & Friends (EI)	forensic expert trail a killer.		Las Vegas "New Orleans"		New York Yankees. (Live)	Ally McBeal "In Dreams"	Las Vegas "New Orleans"
14:30	Funniest Home Videos	Movie *** "The Dead Zone"	Sylvester & Tweety	Pacific Report	Headline News	ł	Any Day Now "That's Our Son,	Pacific Report
15:30	Full House	(1983) Christopher Walken, A	Jimmy Neutron: Boy Genius	The Tonight Show	Channel One	ł	Bobby"	The Tonight Show
16:00	Pokémon	coma patient develops the ability to foresee the future	Horrible Histories		The Early Show	Baseball Tonight	ER "Surrender"	1
16:30	Yu-Gi-Oh! (Part 2 of 2)		Strange Days-Blake Holsey	Late Show		NFL Live		Late Show
17:00	Hey Arnold! "Veteran's Day"	Inside the Actors Studio "Jay Leno" Jay Leno.	Jeopardy!			SportsCenter	Law & Order "Menace"	
17:30	Rocket Power SpongeBob SquarePants	Coming Attractions	Headline News ESPNews	Access Hollywood Headline News	FOX News	Baseball Tonight	The Simpsons	Access Hollywood Headline News
18:30	Rugrats	Entertainment Tonight	AFN Evening News	The Late Late Show	I OX News	Totally NASCAR	Everybody Loves Raymond	The Late Late Show
19:00	Even Stevens "Foodzilla"	Movie *** Brian's	The Simple Life		FOX News	SportsCenter	Fear Factor 'Miss USA Con-	
19:30	Kenan & Kel "Cold War"	Song" (1971, Drama) James Caan, Football player Brian Pic-	The Simple Life	Dennis Miller	1		testants' Miss USA contestants.	Dennis Miller
20:00	Gilmore Girls "Kiss and Tell"	colo is stricken with cancer.	America's Next Top Model		FOX News	NFL Total Access	Andromeda "Bunker Hill"	L
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22:00	The Cosby Show	Rogue agents hunt a lawyer	Headline News	The Hot List		MLB Baseball National League	Friends	The Hot List
22:30	Home Improvement	who has an incriminating tape.	The Tonight Show	Headline News	AFNews on Assignment	Championship Series Game 6 -	Seinfeld "The Label Maker"	Headline News
23:00	Touched by an Angel 'Birth-	Movie ★★★ "Play Misty for		Today Allison Janney; Geralyn	Lester Holt Live	- Houston Astros at St. Louis Cardinals (Live)	The Daily Show	Today Alison Janney; Geralyn
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1:00	SpongeBob SquarePants	Movie ** * "Batman" (1989, Adventure) Michael Keaton.	4 Qtrs	Sesame Street (EI)	ABC World News Tonight CBS Evening News	College Football Teams to Be Announced, (Live)	Fear Factor 'Miss USA Con- testants' Miss USA contestants	Sesame Street (EI)
1:30	Rugrats Even Stevens "Foodzilla"	The Caped Crusader vows to	MLB Baseball American	Play With Me Sesame	Countdown With Keith Olber-	Allibulices. (Live)	Andromeda "Runker Hill"	Play With Me Sesame
2:30	Kenan & Kel "Cold War"	rid Gotham City of the Joker.	League Championship Series	Wheel of Fortune	mann			Wheel of Fortune
3:00	Gilmore Girls "Kiss and Tell"	Movie *** "Brian's	Game 7 Boston Red Sox at New York Yankees. (Live)	Dr. Phil	Hannity & Colmes	1	Junkyard Mega-Wars 'Sky	Dr. Phil
3:30		Song" (1971, Drama) James Caan, Football player Brian Pic-			The NewsHour With Jim		Snipers"	
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4:30 5:00	Sesame Street (FI)	Movie ** * "Enemy of the	Headline News	NBC Nightly News	Lou Dobbs Tonight	contingent on NHL lockout)	Breathingspace Yoga	NBC Nightly News
5:30		State" (1998) Will Smith.	ESPNews	Judge Judy		From General Motors Place in Vancouver, B.C. (Live)	Caribbean Workout	Judge Judy
6:00	Barney & Friends (EI)	Rogue agents hunt a lawyer who has an incriminating tape.	Headline News	Access Hollywood	Larry King Live	1	Body Shaping	Access Hollywood
6:30	Blue's Clues		Headline News	Guiding Light		Baseball Tonight	TIPical Mary Ellen	Guiding Light
7:00	Dragon Tales (EI)	Inside the Actors Studio "Jay Leno" Jay Leno.	Sesame Street (EI)		NewsNight With Aaron Brown	NFL Total Access	The View	
7:30 8:00	Bob the Builder The Wiggles "Body"	Coming Attractions	Play With Me Sesame	General Hospital 60 Minutes	BET Nightly News	SportsCenter	Emeril Live	General Hospital Aaahh! Real Monsters
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9:00	Stanley "Mockingbird Scat"	Movie ** 5 "Daddy" (1991.	Dr. Phil	Yu-Gi-Oh! Toon World.	Nightline	MLB Baseball League Cham-	30-Minute Meals	Yu-Gi-Oh! Toon World.
9:30	Sagwa-Siamese Cat	Drama) Patrick Duffy, Lynda Carter. An executive's wife of		Kids Pick the President	Nightly Business Report	pionship Series Game 7 Teams TBA. If necessary.	Low Carb & Lovin It	Kids Pick the President
10:00	Arthur (EI)	20 years deserts her family.	Oprah Winfrey	Jeopardy!	Hardball With Chris Matthews	(Taped)	Design on a Dime	Jeopardy!
10:30	Between the Lions (EI) Sagwa-Siamese Cat	Movie *** "In the Line of	Guiding Light	Headline News ESPNews	60 Minutes II	1	Style Star E! News Live	Headline News ESPNews
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16:00	Pokémon "Enlighten Up!"	ence Fiction) Donald Suther- land, Brooke Adams.	Yu-Gi-Oh! Toon World.		The Early Show	NFL Live	ER Dr. Carter convinces Abby	1 -
16:30	Yu-Gi-Oh! (Part 1 of 5)		Kids Pick the President	Late Show	1	Totally NASCAR	to join him at a charity event.	Late Show
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20:00	7th Heaven "Gabrielle Come Blow Your Horn"	Jackson, Guy Pearce.	The Bachelor		FOX News	Oriso. (rapeu)	The Practice "The Cradle Will Book"	
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22:00	The Cosby Show	Cruise. A vampire recalls the tragic events of his 200-year life.	Headline News	The Hot List	i	Resort in Lake Buena Vista, Fla. (Same-day Tape)	Friends	The Hot List
22:30	Home Improvement	1 -	The Tonight Show	Headline News	Air Force TV News	i ia. (odilie-udy tape)	Seinfeld "The Scofflaw"	Headline News
23:00	Touched by an Angel "Statute of Limitations"	Movie ** "The Postman Always Rings Twice" (1981)		Today Cell phone services.	Lester Holt Live	l	The Daily Show	Today Cell phone services.
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Shrek headed for Broadway

"Shrek," the tale of a lovable green ogre, was one of the biggest movies of the last several years. And its sequel was equally successful.

So what is left to conquer? Broadway, says Sam Mendes, director of Academy-Award-winning "American Beauty" and creative producer of the upcoming stage version

of "Shrek."
Workshops of the musical will be held sometime in 2005, according to Mendes, whose Scamp Film and Theatre Ltd. will co-produce the musical along with DreamWorks, which did the movies. No timetable has been set for the Broadway opening.



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Jason Moore, who directed the
Tony-winning musical "Avenue Q," is set to direct, while
the book will be written by David Lindsay-Abaire, author
of such offbeat comedies as "Fuddy Meers," "Kimberly
Akimbo" and "Wonder of the World." A composer and lyricist are to be named

Depp: I'm just a regular guy

Johnny Depp reckons he's no great movie pinup — he just has a "weird job."



Arriving for the premiere of his latest movie, "Finding Neverland," at London's Leicester Square, Depp played down his movie star image as fans lining the red carpet screamed his name.

"I wouldn't say I'm a heartthrob," he said, as his wife, French singer and actress Vanessa Paradis, looked on. "I just have a very weird job." Depp has been touted to win his

Depp has been touted to win his first Oscar for his role as "Peter Pan" creator J.M. Barrie, but the 41-year-old actor dismissed such

talk.
"I can't say that occupies my every thought or every moment," he said. "That's not my job to think about that, but if people want to say that, that is really sweet."

Kirk Douglas gets his own neighborhood

Actor Kirk Douglas will never be forgotten in Palm Springs, Calif., where he lived for more than 40 years. The Palm Springs International Film Society and Inter-

national Film Festival honored the 87-year-old "Spartacus" star Sunday by naming a six-block stretch near the city's airport after him.

Douglas lived in Palm Springs for more than four decades. His son, Joel, moved to the city two years ago and began a drive to name the street after his father.

The dedication ceremony was attended by Douglas, his wife Anne, and their three surviving sons, including Academy Award-winning actor and producer Michael Douglas



Douglas

Also present at the ceremony were U.S. Congresswoman Mary Bono, the wife of the late Sonny Bono, who started the film festival as the city's mayor; crooner Robert Goulet; Jack Valenti, former head of the Motion Picture Association of America; and "Entertainment Tonight's" Mary Hart.

Undecided? Why not just skip election?

"South Park" co-creator **Matt Stone** has a message for all you undecided voters.

"Stay home," said Stone. "It doesn't matter who you're gonna vote for. If you really don't know who you're gonna vote for, or are uninformed, or haven't really thought about it? Just stay home."

Stone and Trey Parker have teamed up for the puppet parody "Team America: World Police," which debuted in third place at the box office this weekend with \$12.3 million. A parody of 1980s action movies, the film ridicules both Democrats and Republicans.

In person, Stone has little patience for those on the political fence.

"If you really don't know or you're just going to vote for George Bush because he's already in office, or you're gonna vote for John Kerry because he's on the cover of Rolling Stone, don't do that. That's lame. Just stay home. That's all we ever said," Stone told the San Francisco Chronicle in Sunday's editions.

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Above: Democratic presidential nominee Sen. John Kerry appears on Comedy Central's "The Daily Show with Jon Stewart" Aug. 24. Left: President Bush, right, appears with Roland Martin on Martin's fishing show for the Outdoor Life Network in April.

TV makes, breaks and fuels political campaigns

Bush, Kerry and a host of others take to the airwayes in an effort to influence the 2004 race

Editor's note: Arts and entertainment have long converged with politics. But this year, something different is in the air — and on movie screens, in bookstores, on the radio, and everywhere else media is consumed.

This is the third part of a six-part series.

BY FRAZIER MOORE

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Around the time the presidential race began, Janet Jackson came undone on the Super Bowl telecast, giving rise to the term "wardrobe malfunction" and igniting a public outcry heard all the way to Capitol Hill. Now, as Election Day nears, CBS News is nose-deep in

Now, as Election Day nears, CBS News is nose-deep in hot water for its recent exposé on President Bush's military record that relied on apparently fake documents. Among viewers who long ago branded Dan Rather a liberal boogeyman, this was the last straw.

Such events bookend a year where TV wasn't just a medium for political expression, but a political battleground as well.

Viewers, polarized by sights as far afield as the Super Bowl and Baghdad, suspected television of furthering the rift with secret agendas that distorted the truth of what they had seen. Or didn't see.

Or didn't see.
What did it mean when CBS News announced recently that it had shelved a "60 Minutes" report on the rationale for war in Iraq because it would be "inappropriate" to air it so close to the election?
Was this an act of journalistic responsibili

ty? Or a desperate bid to make peace with the Bush administration? Meanwhile, what did it mean that ratings for Fox News Channel soared — even beating ABC, CBS and NBC in head-to-head competition at the Republican convention? Easy, said fans of the network: Here was a rare outlet for fair and balanced journalism. Easy, said others who regard the network as a mouthpiece for a vast right-wing conspiracy. With Fox, that conspiracy has tiehtened its grip.

And what did it mean when NBC's "The West Wing", which dramatizes a progressive Democratic presidency—amounced that Alan Alda would join the show as a Republican senator with aspirations for the White House! Was his addition just a way to rejuvenate the ratings of a series past is prime? Or a sop to conservative viewers who allowed the series of the properties of the pr

First, Justin Timberlake had exposed Janet Jackson's right breast to 89 million viewers. Then that audience, along with the rest of America, was exposed to another unseemly display: lots of finger-pointing, as everyone tried to dodge the blame for what was labeled both a regrettable accident and a clear sign of TV's moral decay.

Then, last month, CBS was fined \$550,000 by the Federal Communications Commission for the Super Bowl fiasco.

"As countless families gathered around the television to watch one of our nation's most celebrated events, they were rudely greeted with a halftime show sturt more fiting of a burlesque show," Intried commission Chairman Michael Powell, who at the same time had been fighting for deregulation measures that would let media giants become bigger and less responsive to the public than ever before

The presidential campaign's version of the Super Bowl kicked off Sept. 30 with the first of three televised debates between Bush and his Democratic rival, Sen. John Kerry. But supplementing those unique joint appearances.

Bush and Kerry were both popping up just about anywhere that promised a cordial reception. Kerry tried to lighten things up on CBS'

"Late Show with David Letterman" and Comedy Central's "The Daily Show with Jon Stewart." Bush went fishing on the Outdoor Life Network

In separate sessions, Dr. Phil and his wife, Robin, talked child-spanking with fellow parents the First Couple, then with Kerry and his wife, Teresa Heinz Kerry.

The candidates also popped up in dueling campaign commercials.

And even more contentiously, in commercials made by supporters on the candidates' behalf. For weeks, a group called Swift Boat Veterans for Truth blasted Kerry as a coward. Other veterans fired back in ads defending Kerry's service.

If the level of combativeness reached laughable heights it wasn't lost on TV's comedians.

"Tonight" show viewers were reminded that Bush was pledging "to destroy terror networks wherever they operate." Then host Jay Leno added, "By 'terror network,' it's not clear if he meant al-Qaida or CBs."

And on "The Daily Show" parody newscast, fake anchorman Jon Stewart was hailed by many fans as not just a source of chuckles, but a refuge for political insight.

"We turn our attention," he intoned one night from behind his anchor desk, "to the biggest swing state in this year's presidential election." He paused meaningfully. "Iraq. Think of it as Ohio ... a bloody, intractable Ohio."

Horoscope

Venus is rather terse with Pluto causing us to feel on edge about relationships, especially the ones that blur into the area of personal finance. Thoughts Joyce Jillson center around the idea of reciprocity. If someone in your life seems to always be the taker, now is the time when you really notice. Do

consider the many ways in which one might give, though TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (October 20). You make a stand this year, and the

world is different herause of your contribution. Meaningful exchanges this month and next connect you with a romance that's lasting. If already paired up, you'll be traveling together through the holidays and discover a new interest that blossoms into a big moneymak er! Love signs are Virgo and Pisces.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Life's little bumps give you a chance to duck out and do a personal inventory - something you can accomplish in a quiet 15 minutes or take the whole day to do. A relationship that has gotten one-sided will even

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Whatever you were procrastinating about can wait no longer. Getting the icky stuff out of the way (and in the process finding out that it wasn't so had) is the hest motivator for doing the rest. You'll be able to flirt

out

GEMINI (May 21-June 21).

this afternoon.

You can spot a fake a mile away Use your laser-sharp intuition about people to put yourself in fine company. Begin and end your meetings and appointments on time, and stick to the agenda. Really mean what you are saying.

CANCER (June 22-July 22).

Your influence is strong, and your opinion means more than you know. Encourage a loved one who is pursuing a cherished dream. Later you're the one this person will thank in the acceptance speech

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Folks aren't responding in the manner you think they should. As much as you love your friends, you can also find

them frustrating! Change your approach. Don't accept interactions that are less than favorable.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Make a gracious gesture at work and team spirit gets everyone

through a rather chaotic morning. If someone could bottle and sell your ability to prioritize, the world would be a much more productive

nlace LIBRA (Sept.

23-Oct. 23). A little politeness goes a long way toward giving you a reputation as someone solid and kind. The truly over-the-top generosity comes into play when you decide not to notice

whether anybody returns the favor. That's real class

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You have many tasks to do, and you haven't the time and resources

to do them equally well, either. Inevitably, something will be skipped. So prioritize carefully, and then, let it go. Tonight, you're distract-

ed by dreams of love

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Relationships require you to be the leader, something you're comfortable with but don't always prefer.

Mainly, being the leader requires you to make decisions exactly when avoiding a decision would be much easier

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan 19). Your passion will lead you to do what less passionate people wouldn't dream of - take risks! Approach someone who can help your odds. If you're going to take a risk, why not take one in which the odds are in your favor?

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).

Your nutrition is out of whack likely not enough variety, water-rich foods or greens. Stop by the store to remedy this instead of going for yet another quick-stop meal. Note: Your social life requires variety just like your diet

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).

You want to improve yourself, become smarter through reading, and create meaningful experiences with loved ones. You're the only one who can give these tasks more urgency! Make a stronger effort to be proactive

Peanuts









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YES KIDS, YOU'LL LIKE 'EM SO MUCH, YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO SIT STILL SIT STILL! REMEMBER! ITS



WIFE MOTHER ERGE MOTIVATIONAL SPIENCES

YOU WILL'ED WITH THE DESIRE TO EMPLIATE ME AND EAT THE CEREAL I ENDORSE? IF NOT, I CAN REPEAT THIS EVERY DON'T YOU 20 MINUTES. THREATEN ME

WHAT DO YOU THINK? ARE YOU FILLED WITH THE DESIRE TO











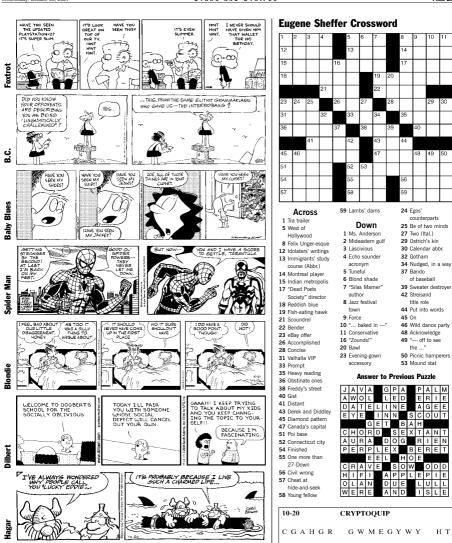








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MKHTSR ЕC Н BACWSANW Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF A KANGAROO IS FINDING IT HARD TO JUMP, SHOULD HE JUST TAKE SOME LEAPING PILLS?

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: S equals T

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the bench

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Henri Arnold and Mike Argirion

Young girl should follow dream

Dear Abby: Last March you printed a letter I wrote. In it, I told you I had expressed my desire to become the first female U.S. president, but my teacher and fellow students laughed at

Since writing to you, I have received a flood of sup-port from friends. Dear Abby readers and you, yourself. But wait, there is more! I received a letter from Sen. John Kerry, and just recently, one from the White House signed by President Bush

The fact that I received a response to my letter from that high up on the ladder of life has inspired me. I feel that I can now follow my dreams and help other young women my age to believe that they, too, can do whatever they want if they just

trust themselves. I have included a copy of what President Bush had to say, in case you want to print it, Abby. And thank you for your help.

- Marta in Maryland

update, and for granting me permission to print the letter you received from President Rush (1 printed Sen. Kerry's letter last May.) That he would take time from his campaign schedule to offer you his support shows his

belief in young people like yourself, who, in the years to come, will determine the future of our country. Read on:

"Dear Marta: 1 recently learned about your desire to be president of the United

States "America is a great country, where people can dream big and achieve their full poten-

tial through hard work and determination. I encourage you to continue setting high goals, studying hard and helping others

"The lessons you learn now will help you develop the character and values you need to succeed in life and become a responsible

"Your idealism, hope and ener-

and can help to build a better future for all our citizens.

"Mrs. Bush and I send our best wishes. May God bless you, and may God continue to bless Ameri-

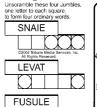
Sincerely, George W. Bush

Dear Abby: I cannot stand it when people drop in unannounced! My mother is the biggest offender. If our door isn't locked, she walks right in without knocking. My husband and I work hard all week and look forward to peace and quiet on weekends. How can I tell her to call us be fore coming over?

- Sick of it in Eau Claire, Wis. Dear Sick of it: I don't blame

you for being angry, but your mother isn't to blame for this situation — you are. Your mother may have no idea that you're so angry. Say some-thing to her before you explode. Letters for this column — with your

name and phone number — should be addressed to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles CA 90069. Readers can write to Abby on the Internet at http://www.uexpress.com/dearabby Universal Press Syndicate



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Jumbles: LATHE

Answer:

suggested by the above cartoon. (Answers tomorrow) UNCLE

When his parrot greeted them with foul language, they were - SPEECHLESS

Teen girl writes to prison inmates

Dear Annie: My

16-year-old granddaughter, "Lena," lives with me. Legally, I am her foster mother. The state is her guardian.

Lena is writing to, and receiving mail from, two young men who are in prison. They are both over 18 and incarcerated for four to eight years. I don't know what crimes they committed to get

Lena met them when they were in high school (before they were

I have blocked their phone calls, but how do I block their mail? I told Lena's social worker about the correspondence, but he just shrugs his shoulders. I sense real danger in these relationships What can I do?

- Worried Grandma Out West Dear Worried: It helps that these young men are behind bars for the foreseeable future. However, Lena will be at least 18 by the time they are out, and this could spell major trouble at a point when you won't be able to do

Annie's Mailbox

Dear Abby

much about it. Please talk to Lena without becoming alarmed or angry. Tell her that prison tends to harden inmates, and these men are no longer the boys she remembers. Yes, they deserve a chance to prove themselves, but there's no way to know in advance how that is going to turn out, and Lena needs to under-

stand the dangers. If she sees a better future for herself, she will be less susceptible to the charms of these young men.

Dear Annie: I would like to respond to "Mom's Overprotective Daughter." It seems a neigh-bor, "Betty," is pressuring Mom to sell her home. One of your suggestions was to have the house put in the daughter's name. Deeding the house over to the kids may not be advisable for estate and gift tax reasons.

As a financial adviser, I have seen many attempts to coerce

elderly people into doing things against their better judgment. Assuming all parties are agree-able, Mom should have a lawyer draw up a power of attorney appointing one or all of her chil-dren to act on her behalf in any and all financial matters. Or Mom can have a limited power of attor-ney drafted, addressing only the issue of her home. Once she has executed this document, she can say to Betty, "You'll have to speak with my daughter. She has full power and authority to handle

this for me."
This solution would allow Mom to retain title to her house and let someone else deal with Betty Perhaps the kids could pay the attorney's fee - a small price for peace of mind. Mom is fortunate to have such a caring daughter.

— Charleston, W.Va.

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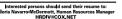
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25. Luke Donald

26. Choi Kyung-Ju

27. Paul Casey

28. Angel Cabrera

30. Lee Westwood

31. Thomas Bjorn

32. Justin Leonard

33. Rory Sabbatini

34. Steve Flesch

36. Fredrik Jacobson

37. Ionathan Kave

25. Robert Allerby
26. Fredrik Jacobson
26. Fredrik Jacobson
26. John Daly
26. John Da

67. Justin Rose 68. Paul McGinley 69. Carlos Franco 70. Stephen Gallacher 71. Loren Roberts 72. Bernhard Langer 73. Scott Hoch

74. Michael Campbell 75. Geoff Ogilvy

Deals

SCOREBOARD

AFN TV & Radio

Wednesday

AFN-Sports, 1 p.m. — Baseball: ALCS, Game 6, Boston at N.Y. Yankees (dld). AFN-Sports, 10 p.m. — Baseball: NLCS, Game 6, Houston at St. Louis. AFN-Radio, 10 p.m.— Baseball: NLCS, Game 6, Houston at St. Louis.

Thursday

AFN-Atlantic, 2 a.m. - Baseball: ALCS, same 7, if necessary, Boston at N.Y. Yan-

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Friday

AFN-Sports, 1:30 a.m. — College football: Syracuse at West Virginia. AFN-Atlantic, 2 a.m. — Baseball: NLCS, Game 7. if necessary, Houston at St. Louis. AFN-Sports, 6 a.m. — Boxing: Ballroom Boxing. AFN-Sports, 7 a.m. — Pro football: NFL Films Game of the Week II (dld).

All times are Central European Time; dld in-dicates delayed broadcast. All listings are subject to change. Some radio broadcasts not available in all areas. Visit www.myafn.net for more information.

Pro basketball

NBA preseason **FASTERN CONFERENCE**

Atlantic Division							
	w	L Pct	GB				
Philadelphia	3	0 1.000	-				
New York	2	0 1.000	1/5				
Boston	1	2 .333	2				
New Jersey	1	2 .333	2				
Toronto	0	2 .000	21/2				
Central Di	visio	n					
	w	L Pct	GB				
Indiana	2	0 1.000	-				
Cleveland	2	1 .667	1/2				
Milwaukee	2	1 .667	1/2				
Chicago	ī	2 .333	11/2				
Detroit	1	2 .333	11/2				
Southeast I		on					
	w	L Pct	GB				
Miami	3	1 .750	-				
Atlanta	1	2 .333	11/2				
Washington	1	2 .333	11/2				
Orlando	1	3 .250	2				
Charlotte	0	2 .000	2				
WESTERN CONFERENCE							
Pacific Division							
	W	L Pct	GB				
Phoenix	2	0 1.000					
Golden State	2	1 .667	1/2				

Phoenix	2	0	1.000	-			
Golden State	2	1	.667	1/2			
L.A. Lakers	1	1	.500	1			
Sacramento	1	2	.333	11/2			
L.A. Clippers	0	2	.000	2			
Southwest		on					
	w	L	Pct	GB			
Houston	2	1	.667	-			
Memphis	2	1	.667	-			
New Orleans	2	1	.667	-			
San Antonio	0	1	.000	1			
Dallas	0	2	.000	11/2			
Northwest Division							
	w	L	Pct	GB			
Utah	1	0	1.000	-			
Minnesota	2	- 1	667	_			

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Miami 92, Atlanta 82
Cleveland 88, New Jersey 69
Tuesday's games
Charlotte at New Jersey
Minnesota at Indiana

Minnesota at Indiana
Philadelphia at New Orleans
Boston at Chicago
Phoenix at San Antonio
Milwaukee at Dallas
New York at Utah
Sacramento vs. L.A. Lakers at Fresno,
alif,

Golden State at I. A. Clinners

Wednesday's games
Memphis at Atlanta
Benetton at Toronto
Washington vs. Detroit at Grand Rapids,

Mich.
Charlotte vs. Cleveland at Dayton, Ohio
Utah at Phoenix, 10 p.m.
Thursday's games

Portland at Toronto
Denver at L.A. Clippers
Milwaukee at Memphis
Orlando vs. New Orleans at Biloxi, Miss.

Chicago at Houston Philadelphia at San Antonio New York at Dallas Golden State at L.A. Lakers

College football

Division II poll

	Record	Pts	Pvs
. Pittsburg St., Kan. (23)	8-0	617	2
. Texas A&M-Kingsville (2)	6-0	596	3
. Northwest Missouri St.		579	
l. Albany St., Ga.		534	
. Valdosta St., Ga.		485	
, North Dakota		465	
. East Stroudsburg, Pa.		445	
i. Michigan Tech	7-0	422	13

9. Arkansas Tech 10. Grand Valley St., Mich. 11. Central Oklahoma 12. Catawba, N.C. 13. South Dakota 14. Winona St., Minn. 15. Colo. School of Mines 414 12 407 1 404 11 308 14 286 18 284 15 274 16 15. Colo. School of Mines 15. T. Cloud State, Minn. 17. Shippensburg, Pa. 18. Northwood, Mich. 19. Saginaw Valley St., Mich. 20. Wingate, N.C. 21. Carson-Newman, Tenn. 22. Tuskegee, Ala. 23. North Alabama 24. Central Arkansas 25. Nebraska-Omaha 269 6 249 17 224 7 187 23 167 19 146 21 138 20

Division III poll

Oct. 19				
	Record	Pts	Pvs	5
Mount Union, Ohio (38) Linfield, Ore, (2)	6-0 5-0	996	1	
Wheaton, Ill.	6-0	898	3	
Springfield, Mass.	5-0	824	4	
Hardin-Simmons, Texas	6-0	824	5	
Mary Hardin-Baylor, Texas				
Baldwin-Wallace, Ohio	6-0			
Wash. & Jefferson, Pa.	7-0			
Salisbury, Md.	7-0			
I. WisEau Claire	5-1			
. Wooster, Ohio	6-0			
l. ConcMoorhead, Minn.	6-0			
I. Capital, Ohio	5-1			
	6-1			
i. Trinity, Texas	5-1			
i. Delaware Valley, Pa.	6-0			
. Rowan, N.J.	4-2			
l. Hampden-Sydney, Va.	5-1			
. McDaniel, Md.	5-1			
	3-2			
	5-1			
	5-2			
I. Wittenberg, Ohio	5-1	145	_	
Wahach Ind	5-1	131		

. Wabash, Ind. 5-1 131 13 . Mount St. Joseph, Ohio 6-0 69 — Juco Top 20 Oct. 19

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. Butler County CC, Kan. (6)	8-0	157	1
2. Pearl River CC, Miss. (2)		151	2
3. Northwest Mississippi CC	7-0	141	3
4. Kilgore, Texas	6-1	130	5
5. Blinn, Texas	6-1	117	6
6. Dixie State, Utah	6-1	109	7
7. Coffevville CC, Kan.	7-1	102	8
8. Mesabi Range CTC, Minn.	7-0	96	8
9. Ellsworth CC, Iowa	7-1	89	11
10. Grand Rapids CC. Mich.	7-1	87	10
10. Pima CC, Ariz.	6-1	87	4
12. Nassau CC, N.Y.	6-1	85	12
13. Hinds CC, Miss.	6-1	67	13
14. Scottsdale CC. Ariz.	5-1	57	-
15. Rochester Comm. & Tecl	Minn.		
	6-1	45	15
16. Hibbing CC. Minn.	6-1	36	16
17. William Rainey Harper, I	II. 6-2	30	20
18, Snow, Utah	4-2	27	14
19. Tyler JC, Texas	5-2	23	19
20. Northeast Mississippi CO	5-2	16	17

Pro soccer

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Major League Soccer

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Eastern Conference							
	W	L	Т	Pts	GF	GA	
-Columbus	12	5	13	49	40	32	
-D.C. United	11	10	9	42	43		
-MetroStars	11	12	7	40	47	49	
-New England				33			
hicago	8	13	9	33	36	44	
Western C	onfe	eres	1ce				
-Kansas City	14	9	7	49	38	30	
-Los Angeles					42	40	
-Colorado	10	9	11	41	29	32	
-San Jose	9	10	11	38	41	35	
allas	10	14	6	36	34	45	
NOTE: Three points	for	vic	tor	y, on	e po	oint	

End of Regular Season

MLS playoffs

WILD PIAYOTTS

Conference Semifinals
(Two-leg Aggregate Score Series)
Eastern Conference
Columbus vs. New England
Saturday, Oct. 23
Columbus at New England Sunday, Oct. 31
New England at Columbus
D.C. United vs. MetroStars
Saturday, Oct. 23
D.C. United of Saturday, Oct. 20
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Saturday, Oct. 30
MetroStars at D.C United
Western Conference
Kansas City vs. San Jos
Sunday, Oct. 24

Kansas City at San Jose Saturday, Oct. 30 Saturday, Oct. 30
San Jose at Kansas City
Los Angeles vs. Colorado
Friday, Oct. 22
Los Angeles at Colorado
Saturday, Oct. 30
Colorado at Los Angeles

College hockey

NCAA Division I poll

MINNEAPOLIS — Top teams in the NCAA Di-vision I men's ice hockey poll, compiled by U.S. College Hockey Online, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Oct. 17, points, and previous ranking:

	Record	Pts Pvs
1. Boston College (22)	1-0-0	568 2
2. North Dakota (15)	3-0-1	566 1
3. Minnesota-Duluth (3)	3-0-1	503 4
4. Michigan	2-1-1	483 3
5. Maine	3-2-0	398 6
6. Miami	4-0-0	
7. Minnesota	2-1-0	309 5
7. Wisconsin	2-0-0	309 9
9. Michigan State	1-1-0	259 7
10. New Hampshire	2-1-1	228 8
11. Colorado College	2-0-0	220 13
12. Dartmouth	0-0-0	134 12
13. Denver	1-2-0	133 11
14. Colgate		102 -
15. Cornell	0-0-0	101 14

Others receiving votes: Mass. Lower S. Ohio State 31,St. Lawrence 10, Providence 8, Notre Dame 7, Massachusetts 6, Harvard Notre Dame 12, Holv Cross 2, Bowling Boston University 3, Holy Cros Green 1, Minnesota State 1, Nor gan 1, St. Cloud State 1.

Tennis

WTA Swisscom Challenge

Monday
At Schluefweg Stadium
Zurich, Swifzerland
Purse: \$1.3 million (Tier I)
Surface: Hard-Outdoor
Singles
First Round
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na, Russia, 6-1, 6-4.

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WTA Tour money leaders

Through Oct. 17	
Svetlana Kuznetsova	\$1,888,578
2. Lindsay Davenport	\$1.856.671
Anastasia Myskina	\$1,731,023
4. Elena Dementieva	\$1,533,220
5. Justine Henin-Hardenne	\$1,425,406
6. Amelie Mauresmo	\$1,352,236
7. Maria Sharapova	\$1,346,380
8. Serena Williams	\$1,317,198
9. Paola Suarez	\$1,185,901
Virginia Ruano Pascual	\$813,704
11. Jennifer Capriati	\$809,961
12. Venus Williams	\$784,028
Vera Zvonareva	\$782,859
14. Nadia Petrova	\$727,685
15. Elena Likhovtseva	\$726,312
16. Ai Sugiyama	\$669,471
17. Kim Clijsters	\$603,616
18. Patty Schnyder	\$563,669
19. Cara Black	\$538,220
20. Fabiola Zuluaga	\$464,413
21. Lisa Raymond	\$463,665
22. Francesca Schlavone	\$450,496
23. Elena Bovina	\$443,349
24. Meghann Shaughnessy	\$434,221
25. Silvia Farina Elia	\$425,851
26. Magdalena Maleeva	\$424,969
27. Nathalie Dechy 28. Conchita Martinez	\$410,158
	\$391,680
29. Alicia Molik	\$390,185
30. Karolina Sprem	\$381,593
31. Eleni Daniilidou	\$372,862

RICKY WALKED OUT ON THE TEAM IN TRAINING CAMP. WE LOST OUR FIRST FOUR GAMES. SO WE'LL START BLOCKING FOR RICKY, OH, ABOUT WEEK 12.

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Golf

World ranking Through Oct. 17

1. Vijay Singh 2. Ernie Els 3. Tiger Woods 4. Phil Mickelson 5. Retief Goosen SAT USA USA SAT 13.48 12.12 11.53 7.88 7.01 i. Retief Goosen i. Davis Love III I. Mike Weir i. Padraig Harrington i. Stewart Cink 0. Sergio Garcia 1. Adam Scott USA Can Ire USA Spn Aus

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36. Gisela Dulko 37. Maria Vento-Kabchi 38. Amy Frazier 39. Anna Smashnova 40. Mary Pierce 41. Jelena Kostanic \$311,749 \$305,788 \$276,579 \$274,234 \$266,948 40. Mary Pierce 41. Jelena Kostanic 42. Nicole Pratt 43. Martina Navratilova 44. Tamarine Tanasugar 45. Dinara Saffina 46. Emilie Loit 47. Jill Craybas 48. Barbara Schett 49. Petra Mandula 50. Liezel Huber \$265,828 \$263,040 \$252,011 \$247,228 \$239,190 50. Liezel Huber \$221,678

ATP Tennis Masters Madrid

Monday At Recinto Ferial de la Casa de Campo Madrid, Spain Purse: \$3.025 million (Masters) Surface: Hard-Indoor

Singles Singles Robin Soderling, Sound of Florian Mayer, Germany, 6-3, 7-6 (2). Luis Horna, Peru, def. Hicham Arazi, Moroco 6-6, 7-8, Polity, Christophys.

Luis Horna, Peru, def. Hicham Arzal, Morochaby, Gopperl, Unider States, def. Juan Luis Taif Rascon, Spain, ef. Jav. Alex, Correla, Spain, def. David Ferrer, Alex, Correla, Spain, def. David Ferrer, Stefan Roubek, Austria, deft Sjeng Schallen, Notheriands, ed., def. David Sanchez, Antony Doughs, France, def. Augustin Callender, Marchy Print, United States, def. Mario Androy, Poulps, 6-4, 6-4, Albert Costa, Spain, def. Irakil Labadze, Georgia, 6-2, 6-7, 18

ATP money leaders						
Through Oct. 17						
1. Roger Federer	\$4,837,547					
2. Andy Roddick	\$2,126,440					
3. Lleyton Hewitt	\$2.010.021					
4. Guillermo Coria	\$1,607,155					
5. Gaston Gaudio	\$1,514,589					
6. Carlos Moya	\$1,238,209					
7. Tim Henman	\$1,212,577					
8. Marat Safin	\$1.011.433					
9. Andre Agassi	\$1.011.154					
10. Jonas Bjorkman	\$788,359					
11. Tommy Robredo	\$771,157					
12. Sebastien Grosiean	\$755,795					
13. Nicolas Massu	\$751,768					
14. David Nalbandian	\$737,385					
15. Dominik Hrbaty	\$728,359					
16. Joachim Johansson	\$726,359					
17. Fernando Gonzalez	\$715,951					
18. Juan Ignacio Chela	\$686,356					
19. Fabrice Santoro	\$673,578					
20. Feliciano Lopez	\$650,432					
21. Rainer Schuettler	\$642,369					
22. Nicolas Kiefer	\$626,439					
23. Vince Spadea	\$624,905					
24. Jiri Novak	\$623,417					
25. Nikolay Davydenko	\$615,922					
26. Guillermo Canas	\$602,571					
27. Michael Llodra	\$601,007					
28, Xavier Malisse	\$583,119					

28. Xavier Malisse 29. Mario Ancic 30. Paradorn Srichaphan 30. Paradorn Sri 31. Andrei Pavel 32. Max Mirnvi 32. Max Mirnyi 33. Tommy Haas 34. Mikhail Youzhny 35. Juan Carlos Ferrero 36. Daniel Nestor 37. Mark Knowles 38. Ivan Ljubicic 39. Radek Stepanek 40. Robin Soderling \$511.143 \$500,875 \$494,920 \$487,220 \$483,217 \$466,637 \$453,755 40. Robin Soderling
41. Olivier Rochus
42. Fernando Verdasco
43. David Ferrer
44. Rafael Nadal
45. Igor Andreev
46. Jurgen Melzer
47. Florian Mayer
48. Sargis Sargislan
49. Wayne Arthurs
50. Albert Costa \$453,066 \$434,815 \$424,397 \$420,008 \$419,046

FOOTBALL
National Football League
NFL—Suspended Denver TE Dwayne CarNFL—Suspended Denver TE Dwayne CarNFL—Suspended Denver TE Dwayne
Denve FOOTBALL \$389,786

ohnson. **DETROIT PISTONS**—Waived C Nigel Dixon F Terrence Shannon. ILADELPHIA 76ERS—Waived G Nate

Monday's transactions BASEBALI BASEBALL
ANAHEM ANGELS—Requested unconditional release. Requested in the property of the prope

COLORADO CRUSH—Signed K Clay Rush. COLUMBUS DESTROYERS—Signed WR-LB

D.J. Humphries. GEORGIA FORCE—Signed FB-LB Kevin Ald-ridge and WR-DB Chris Curd. Released QB Chris Hixson.

LAS VEGAS GLADIATORS—Signed WR-DB Dameon Porter.

LOS ANGELES AVENGERS—Re-signed K temy Hamilton. NASHVILLE KATS—Signed L Aaron McCon-

nell. NEW ORLEANS VOODOO—Signed DS Calvin Coleman and L Brook Miller.

ORLANDO PREDATORS—Signed WR-DB Jus-ORLANDO PRELIA TORS MANUELLE IN SKARDS.
TAMPA BAY STORM—Signed WR-DB Kenny
Christian and WR-DB Lynarise Elpheage.
LACROSSE
National Lacrosse League
MINNESOTA—Named Mike Simpson

coach. COLLEGE

CINCINNATI—Announced men's basket-ball F Mike Pilgrim has decided to transfer, ELON—Announced the resignation of Trip Durham, assistant director of athletics romarketing and home event operations, to take the position as director of marketing at

Virginia. LYCOMING—Named Adrienne Wydra wom

en's assistant basketball coach and Isaac Willis and Brian Haas men's assistant basketball coaches.
NICHOLLS STATE—Announced the resigna-tion of men's basketball coach Ricky Blan-

.on.
NORTH DAKOTA STATE—Suspended PK
Cory Vartanian indefinitely from the football

team.

TENNESSEE—Suspended DB Brandon
Johnson indefinitely from the football team
for a violation of team rules. Dismissed DB
Chris Heath from the team.

TANK MCNAMARA





An unidentified model waits for a ball during the Masters Tennis Tournament in Madrid on Monday. Models have replaced the traditional hall hove for the event.

Nadal needs one hour to win opener in Madrid

The Associated Press

MADRID, Spain — Spanish youngster Rafael Nadal needed only an hour to beat Italy's Da-vide Sanguinetti 6-2, 6-1 on Tuesday and advance to the second round of the Madrid Masters

Making up for his first-round exit last year, the 18-year-old Nadal beat Sanguinetti, a semifinalist in Vienna last week, to set up a second-round match against 14th seeded American Vincent Spadea.

"Against Spadea, I'll certainly have to do better than I did said Nadal, who was the star of the Spanish side that beat France last month to reach the final of the Davis Cup against the United States in December.

"I hope to play 50 percent bet-ter each day," Nadal said. "Clear-ly, winning the first match gives me a lot of confidence.'

Tommy Haas of Germany and Taylor Dent of the United States also advanced to the second round of the \$3 million event. Haas, a semifinalist in the CA Trophy last week, beat Xavier Malisse of Belgium 6-4, 6-1 and Dent defeated Mikhail Youzhny of Russia 6-3, 6-2

They were joined in the second round by Ivan Ljubicic of Croatia, a 6-4, 6-4 winner over Tomas Berdych of the Czech Republic, and Fernando Verdasco of Spain, who breezed past Jonas Bjorkman of Sweden 6-1, 6-2.

Second-seeded Andre Agassi, the 2002 champion, was sched-uled to play Max Mirnyi of Belarus in a second-round match later Tuesday

Withdrawals by Roger Feder er. Andy Roddick and Lleyton Hewitt have left Tim Henman of Britain as the top seed in the tournament, followed by Agassi and Russia's Marat Safin.

Spain's Albert Costa faces Henman in the second round Wednesday

Earnhardt's appeal of penalty is denied

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. -Dale Earnhardt Jr. lost his appeal of a 25-point penalty and \$10,000 fine for using a vulgarity during a nostrace TV interview

Instead of leading the Nextel Cup standings on Monday by a point with five races to go, Earnhardt trails leader Kurt Busch by 24 points.

"NASCAR had issued repeated warnings to contestants regarding the use of inappropriate language during live event broad-casts," the National Stock Car Racing Commission said Mon-"The infraction occurred on-air at the racetrack during the live broadcast of a NASCAR event, not in a casual private conversation or offsite activity

NASCAR punished Earnhardt

race at Talladega and was interviewed by NBC

In its denial of the appeal, the three-member panel called Earnhardt an important ambassador of the sport and a role model.

There was no immediate re-sponse from Earnhardt or his team. They have the option of making a final appeal to commissioner Charles D. Strang

Meanwhile, the Parents Television Council, an advocacy group to protect children against sex, violence and profanity in entertainment, filed an indecency complaint against NBC with the Federal Communications Commis-sion. It wants the FCC to levy a fine against every NBC affiliate that aired the interview.

Attempts to reach someone at NBC Sports were not immediate-



Dale Earnhardt Jr, right, talking with fellow driver Matt Kenseth, lost his appeal of a 25-point penalty assessed by NASCAR for using a vulgarity during a postrace interview at Talladega Motor Speedway. The penalty cost Earnhardt the lead in the Nextel Cup championship chase.

Harrison suspended four years for doping

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. - Two-time Olympic gold medalist Alvin Harrison accepted a four-year suspension from the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency on Tuesday for drug violations uncovered in the BALCO case.

The 30-year-old sprinter, who won gold medals as part of U.S. relay teams in the 1996 and 2000 Olympics, was charged with viola-tions of anti-doping rules based in part on evidence presented in the U.S. Senate in May,

then turned over to USADA before the 2004 Athens Games.

"It's a bittersweet day, USADA chief executive officer Terry Madden said. drug conspiracy has been brought to justice.

It's a sad day because we now know a conspir acy is out there. Athletes have admitted to it and people are using prohibited substances. The evidence did not include a positive drug test, but did include information gath-

ered during the federal probe of the Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative. Harrison was the second athlete to admit using illegal substances despite not testing positive. Sprinter Kelli White, who forfeited

two world titles, earlier accepted a two-year suspension Another 10 athletes have received sanctions for testing positive for THG or modafinil, two

of the drugs linked to BALCO. Among them is Harrison's twin brother, Calvin, who received a two-year suspension Sorenstam is WSF's Sportswoman pick

NEW YORK - The accolades, like her

putts, just keep rolling in for Annika Sorenstam. Sorenstam, winner of six tournaments on the LPGA Tour this season, was selected Sportswoman of the Year by the Women's Sports Foundation at the Waldorf Astoria

Olympic beach volleyball gold medalists Misty May and Kerri Walsh were honored in the team category.

Sorenstam, 34, is fresh off a victory in the Samsung World Championship on Sunday. She chipped in a 40-footer from the fringe for an eagle 3 on No. 15 en route to her 54th win.

"It's a great honor because (the Foundation is) striving every day to make more opportuni-ties for girls and women available," she said in a statement

The Women's Sports Foundation, founded



Annika Sorenstem was voted Sportswoman of the Year by the Women's Sports Foundation.

by Billie Jean King, is marking its 30th anniversary. The awards dinner raises more than \$1 million annually for education and grant programs for girls and women in sports.

Forty Athens Olympians met with Presi-dent Bush at the White House before attending the dinner.

Philippines tells six players to leave

MANILA, Philippines - Six professional basketball players have been told to leave the Philippines voluntarily or face deportation after the government accused them of faking their citizenship to play in the country's pre-

Justice Secretary Raul Gonzales ordered deportation proceedings initiated against four Americans, a Tongan and an Australian after

used fake birth certificates purportedly show ing their parents were natural-born Filipinos. to claim their Filipino papers.

The Senate has conducted an exhaustive investigation and they have found no records to back the claim of these players that they are Filipino citizens," Gonzales told reporters. The justice department said the orders were to be served to the players Tuesday.

"Since we have already determined that they are undocumented aliens, we could order them detained pending the conclusion of the deportation proceedings against them Gonzalez said. "If they don't want to experience this, they have the option of leaving the country voluntarily

He also directed police investigators to look into possible perjury and falsification charges against team owners, managers, talent scouts and civil registrars who allegedly issued spurious documents to the players.

The players include Davonn Harp, Jon Ordonio and Mick Pennisi of Red Bull Barako. Rudy Hatfield of Coca-Cola and Alex Crisano of Barangay Ginebra. All are starters.

Asi Taulava of Talk 'N Text was also ordered deported, but before that, Gonzales told the attorney general to lift a preliminary injunction the player had secured from a Manila court in a bid to prevent his deportation.

Philippine Basketball Association Commissioner Noli Eala said the playerss can file a court appeal but can no longer play

Sabres anticipate layoffs

BUFFALO, N.Y. - The Buffalo Sabres will lay off about 25 employees by the end of November if there is no resolution to the month-old NHL labor dispute

Layoff notices were issued last Friday, and the team confirmed the news in a statement it released this week, saying the decision was made "in response to the current uncertain-

The Sabres did not identify which employees or departments were affected. The layoffs will leave the team with about half of its normal 150 full-time staff. Anticipating a potential dispute, the Sabres had already cut dozens of jobs through attrition since last spring.

The NHL regular season, which was scheduled to start last week, has been disrupted since the league locked out its players on Sept. 15 following the expiration of the collective bargaining agreement.

New BCS formula triggers old arguments

BY CHRIS DUFRESNE

Los Angeles Times

Initial reaction to Monday's first release of the Bowl Championship Series standings: You call this progress?

The rankings system that for six years has determined college football's national championship game participants has been modified and simplified to prevent a repeat of last season's disaster in which Southern Cal finished No. 1 in both human polls but No. 3 in the final BCS standings.

Yet, as Monday's release indi cates, the C in BCS could still end up standing for "controversy.

USC opened as undisputed first-week BCS king with No. 1 rankings in both polls and the system's computer component, but there was confusion just below as Miami (Fla.) debuted ahead of Oklahoma in the important secand position

In the new formula, a calculation that gives equal weight to the two human polls and the computers, USC opened with a BCS average of .9912.

Miami was second at 9187 followed by Oklahoma at 9161

Oklahoma's place was a sur-

Analysis

prise because it is No. 2 in both human polls, whereas Miami is fourth in The Associated Press poll and third in the ESPN/USA TODAY coaches' poll.

The top two schools in the final BCS standings will play for the BCS national title in the Orange Bowl on Jan. 4.

coordinator Weiberg said it was too early to draw conclusions about the new

"I think it's important that there not be an overreaction to this first poll," he said.

Yet, it's fair to say a mini-controversy was the last thing Weiberg and other BCS commissioners wanted in the first week.

"I suppose there's a little bit of irony there," Weiberg said. Monday's first BCS posting was only the first snapshot of a long season and Weiberg said the

Miami-Oklahoma situation would work itself out Despite its No. 2 ranking in polls, Oklahoma dragged into the third BCS spot computer component.

Weiberg said several computers factored in a school's road record and that Oklahoma had played only one road game this year, last week at Kansas State.

Weiberg said that Oklahoma's No. 5 computer ranking might be a one-week anomaly.

"I think that it's very unlikely that that would hold up through the balance of the season." he

Oklahoma coach Bob Stoops said he was not yet concerned about any potential controversy.

"It really makes no difference where anyone is ranked today," Stoops said in a statement released by the school. "There is too much of this season left to play for anyone to get too worked up about this now. The bottom line is that you have to go out there and win your games

Tweaks in the BCS this year were intended to make sure a school ranked first in both polls could not finish third in the BCS standings.

Yet, the new formula may not protect a team that is second in both polls, especially if there is little distinction separating the sec-

Bowl Championship Series standings

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Miami	4	1448	.891	3	1380	.905	2	96	.960	.9187	NE
Oklahoma	2	1567	.964		1470	.964	5	82	.820	.9161	Ni
Auburn	3	1478	.910	4	1359	.891	3	91	.910	.9036	NE
Florida St.	5	1304	.802	5	1234	.809	6	81	.810	.8072	NE
Wisconsin	6	1240	.763		1088	.713	8	70	.700	.7255	N
Jtah	9	1072	.660	10	1015	.666	4	85	.850	.7251	NE
California	7	1215	.748		1071	.702	12	57	.570	.6733	N
Fennessee	11	999	.615	13	815	.534	7	75	.750	.6331	NE
Georgia	10	1040	.640	6	1124	.737	14	45	.450	.6090	N
Texas	8	1081	.665	9	1026	.673	13	47	.470	.6027	NE
Purdue	12	957	.589	12	832	.546	15	44	.440	.5248	NE
Michigan	13	895	.551	11	943	.618	16	35	.350	.5064	NE
Boise St.	19	467	.287	16	557	.365	10	64	.640	.4309	NE
Virginia	1.4	738	454	15	665	436	17	3.4	340	4101	NI

Team percentages are derived by dividing a team's actual voting points by a maximum respective process of the p

ond and third teams, at which point the computers may play a deciding role. Even though two-thirds of the

formula is driven by the human polls, we're counting actual votes here and if there is a close margin, the computer polls are going to have some significant influence," Weiberg said.

In one of the more interesting story lines, Utah made its BCS debut at No. 7, the highest

ence team

first-week ranking by a non-BCS

Utah. which trails No. 6 Wisconsin by a sliver — .7251 to .7255 is trying to become the first non-BCS school to qualify for a major bowl game.

Utah earns an automatic berth if it finishes sixth or better in the final BCS standings and can be considered for one of two at-large berths if it finishes in the top 12.



Utah's remaining games are against UNLV. San Diego State Colorado St., Wyoming and BYU.

Utes hushed about their lofty standing

BY DOUG ALDEN The Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY - As happy as Utah coach Urban Meyer was to hear his team was ranked seventh in the first Bowl Championship Series standings, he didn't want to talk about it much

And he definitely didn't want to hear about it from his players

"If I hear it, I'll squelch any discussion about that," Meyer said Monday.

Meyer has been critical of the BCS in the ast, mostly because it doesn't include Utah's Mountain West Conference among the six leagues that are guaranteed a spot in the four elite bowl games.

A team like Utah has to win an at-large berth to play in the Orange, Sugar, Fiesta or Rose bowls, and no team from a mid-major conference has done that since the BCS was adopted in 1998. To get in, the Utes most likely need to go unheaten and see where the complicated combination of the AP and coaches polls and computer rankings have them at the

"Those rankings don't mean anything unless we do win out and that's a long way off right now," Utah quarterback Alex Smith

"It's different when a computer is telling you where you're ranked. It's not polls. It's not people. It's not opinions. It's some computer spitting it out, so who knows?

The top six teams in the BCS standings are guaranteed a bowl bid and only the top 12 are eligible to play in one of the big games.

The biggest this season is the Orange Bowl. which will feature the No. 1 vs. No. 2 teams in ing to 3-0 against teams from BCS leagues this season. The Utes also have victories over Texas A&M, ranked No. 16 in the BCS standings, and Arizona. Utah hosts UNLV on Saturday and finishes the season against San Diego State, Colorado

Utah's seventh-place start in the BCS stand-

The Utes remained unheaten with a 46-16

ings is the best ever by a mid-major confer-

win over North Carolina on Saturday, improv-

State, Wyoming and rival Brigham Young. Winning out would give the Utes their best season in school history, but one loss would

quickly end any mention about the BCS. "I actually hope this team realizes a little bit about that — what our potential could be," Smith said. "But I hope they just don't forget how we got here and that was preparing bet-

ter than the team we played each week

Texas sticking with Young as starting QB

The Associated Press AUSTIN - Texas football

coach Mack Brown is sticking with Vince Young as the team's starting quarterback, despite two consecutive poor passing games. Brown had suggested after the

Longhorns' 28-20 victory over Missouri that he'd consider replacing Young with Chance Mock, But he removed that option during his weekly news conference Monday. "Vince will start," Brown said.

Eighth-ranked Texas plays at Teyas Tech on Saturday

The coach said he had wanted to see how Young was feeling after he was knocked out of the game in the second quarter with a bruised sternum. Although Young was cleared to return in the third

Missouri, football briefs

Brown with Mock, who played the entire second half

Brown said Young was fine. The two quarterbacks threw for 58 yards in an offense that ranks 103rd nationally in passing The Longhorns have been able to compensate for that with a rushing attack that ranks No. 2 and averages 293.5 yards per game be-hind tailback Cedric Benson. Part of the reason for sticking

with Young is his ability to run. "He is such a valuable part of our running game." Brown said.

"A big part of Cedric's running success, to me, comes from (defenses) having to be aware of the ability to make the explosive

Vols starting safety suspended for firing gun near campus

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. - Tennessee starting safety Brandon Johnson was suspended indefinitely because he fired a gun into the air near campus.

Johnson, a junior, was arrested Monday and charged with felony reckless endangerment after shooting the gun outside the apartment of tailback Cedric Houston according to a police report.

Junior defensive back Chris Heath, who was in school on a medical scholarship but not playing, was charged with misdemeanor unlawful carrying of a firearm. Heath was permanently dismissed from the team.

No. 11 Tennessee hosts Ala-

hama on Saturday

Washington St. starting QB out for the season

PULLMAN, Wash. - Washington State quarterback Josh Swogger broke a bone in his foot and will need season-ending surgery, school athletic department spokes man Rod Commons said Monday

Swogger's backup is freshman Alex Brink

Rutgers player seriously hurt in car wreck

PISCATAWAY, N.J. - Three Rutgers football players were injured, one seriously, in a multi-vehicle accident caused by a man accused of drunken driving.

Safety Dondre L. Asberry, 20, of Miami, suffered a spine frac-



Washington State QB Josh Swogger had 13 TD passes and seven intercentions this season.

ture and head injuries in the accident Saturday night, police said.

The junior remained in critical condition Monday at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in New Brunswick, hospital spokeswoman Kristen Walsh said.

Williams to meet with NFL on return

BY STEVEN WINE The Associated Press

DAVIE Fla - Retired running back Ricky Williams is scheduled to meet Thursday with the NFL to seek permission to immediately rejoin the Miami Dolphins, despite his multiple violations of the league's sub-stance-abuse program.

William David Cornwell, an attorney representing Williams, and the NFL Players Association also will attend the meeting in California.

"We are anxious to present the case for permitting Ricky to rejoin the Miami Dolphins this year and to clarify his status under the league's substance-abuse program," Cornwell said in a state-

ment Monday.

In July, Williams said he learned shortly before retiring that he had failed a drug test for marijuana - his third violation in the program since 2002

Because of the violations and Williams' subsequent retirement, the Dolphins say their understanding is that he is suspended for the entire season. The NFL has declined to comment.

If Williams were to play this year, it would likely be with Miami, because the league trade deadline is Tuesday.

The Dolphins haven't won a game since the 2002 NFL rushing champion retired. At 0-6, they're the league's lone winless team and off to the worst start in their 39-year history.

Speculation regarding coach Dave Wannstedt's future has shifted from whether he'll be fired to when - and who will depart with

A housecleaning that would include general manager Rick Spielman and much of the coaching staff becomes more likely with each defeat

Cornwell declined to address Williams' motivation for coming out of retirement.

"It is not appropriate to discuss our rationale for rejoining the Dolphins until after the NFL and NFLPA hear from us directly," Cornwell said

Contributing to the change of heart was an arbitration ruling Sept. 24 that Williams must repay more than \$8.6 million to the Dolphins for breaching his contract. He has done without his \$3.5 million salary while traveling in Aus-



Mondays in Stars and Stripes

Henry will remain Bills starting RB

The Associated Press

ORCHARD PARK NY Once healthy, running back Travis Henry will regain his job as the Ruffalo Rills' starter even after Willis McGahee's strong debut on Sunday.

"Travis will be the starter and Willis will get more playing time



as we go," coach Mike Mularkey said on Monday. "I think due to injury, I don't think that'e

any case to make a change right now. [Henry] has been produc-

Mularkey's comments come a day after McGahee made his first NFL start and helped the Bills (1-4) win their first game of the season, a 20-13 victory against Miami

Henry is nursing a sprained left foot. His status for this Sunday's game at Baltimore is unclear. The Bills will begin to determine Henry's status when the team returns for practice on Wednesday.

McGahee, who missed all of his rookie season recovering from reconstructive surgery on his left knee, finished with 111 yards rushing and 31 yards receiving.

Mularkey's announcement regarding Henry's status shouldn't come as much of a surprise to Mc-Gahee, who knew his role as starter was only temporary.

"I'm still not the starter. Travis Henry is the starter," McGahee said after the game. "He was out this week and I'm pretty sure he'll be back. And I'm looking forward to playing with him.

Quinn probable starter for Bears

LAKE FOREST, III. Jonathan Quinn probably will keep his job as the Chicago Bears' starting quarterback, but rookie Craig Krenzel will get more practice this week

Ouinn struggled for a second straight start Sunday, completing 10 of 22 passes for 65 yards in a 13-10 loss to the Washington Redskins and was booed by fans at Soldier Field.

The Bears play at Tampa Bay on Sunday. Quinn begins the week as the team's No. 1 OR but he could be unseated if Krenzel looks better.

"Right now Jonathan is our starter. We'll go through the week

NFL injury update

Injuries to prominent NFL players, fol-lowed by team's prognosis. (See Fri-day's edition for complete injury report provided by the league): Jets: WR Santana Moss (hamstring), G Pete Kendall (toe) and G Brandon Moore (hamstring) are all probable.

and at the end of the week see where we are," coach Lovie Smith said Monday, "We'll decide a little later on who is going to do

snaps with the first-team offense, and Krenzel's repetitions will be increased to 40 percent.

Hobbled Leftwich expected

sonville quarterback Byron Leftwich was in a walking boot Monday, but coach Jack Del Rio expected him to practice this week.

Leftwich sprained his right Kansas City. He stayed in the game and led the Jaguars on a 67-yard scoring drive in the clos-ing minutes that gave them a 22-16 victory.

The second-year starter finished 24-for-36 for 298 yards with three touchdowns - two passing

He left the stadium on crutches with his ankle heavily wrapped. He also bruised his left shoulder on the second drive of the game, but Del Rio said that injury wouldn't affect him this week

Seattle's Wistrom out 4-6 weeks

KIRKLAND, Wash. - Seattle Seahawks defensive end Grant Wistrom will be out 4 to 6 weeks with a small fracture in his left knee

Seahawks doctors initially believed Wistrom had only hyperextended his left knee.

"It was a little bit more than I heard right after the game, coach Mike Holmgren said. "He has a little crack. The slight fracture has to heal first of all."

Wistrom will most likely miss Seattle's visit to St. Louis on Nov. 14. a game he was looking forward to playing. Wistrom spent his first six NFL seasons with the Rams before signing with the Seahawks in the offseason.

The loss of Wistrom is a major blow to Seattle's defense, which is allowing only 15.2 points per

Quinn will get 60 percent of the

to practice, play

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. - Jack-

ankle late in Sunday's win against

and one rushing.

game and is already missing starting linebacker Chad Brown, who broke his left leg in training "It's a hit." Holmgren said. "There's no question about it. He

Despite Willis McGahee's 111 yards rushing in his first NFL start,

Travis Henry will start for the Ruffalo Rills when he is healthy.

was our number one acquisition in the offseason. He brings a lot of energy and started the season well for us." Holmgren also said Monday

that wide receiver Bobby Engram sprained his left ankle and might miss Sunday's game at Ari-

Carswell suspended one game DENVER - Denver Broncos

tight end Dwayne Carswell was suspended for one game Monday for violating the NFL's personal conduct policy, the result of pleading guilty to battery after a fight with his girlfriend last year. Carswell was placed on proba-

tion for one year for the guilty plea. He will be suspended with out pay for next Monday's game at Cincinnati and will be docked an additional week's salary. The 11-year veteran was arrest

ed last July in Atlanta and originally charged with simple batstruction of an officer. A court complaint said he picked up his girlfriend by the neck outside a bar. The complaint also said the woman was bitten on the arm Falcons' Hall expects to play

tery, domestic violence and ob-

FLOWERY BRANCH, Ga. Atlanta Falcons cornerback DeAngelo Hall, the No. 8 overall draft pick, expects to play his first NFL game Sunday after recovering from a small fracture in his

Hall was injured in an Aug. 28 preseason game against Cincinnati after batting down a pass. He already had won the starting job on the left side.

At first, the Falcons (5-1) feared Hall would be out for as long as 10 weeks, which would have kept him out for the first eight regular-season games. But the recovery went much smoother than expected. "I feel like I've been 100 per

cent for the last 21/2 weeks," Hall said Monday, still sweating from a workout. "I really haven't felt anything [in the hip] for the last month. But they wanted to take it nice and slow.

Delhomme takes blame for Panthers' 1-4 record around and see who else might not be, when

BY JENNA FRYER The Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. - When the finger-pointing begins in Carolina, quarterback Jake Delhomme wants it to be in his direction.

Delhomme is shouldering the blame for the Panthers' 1-4 record, particularly after throwing four interceptions in Sunday's 30-8 loss at Philadelphia.

"We're not getting it done, especially offensively, and it has to fall on the quarterback, he said. "I just felt extremely good about what we were going to do out here, but it's just not

"We're not carrying it over. I'm one that's not carrying it over. It's hard for me to look certainly I'm not holding up close to my end of the bargain. Delhomme leads the NFL with nine inter-

ceptions Carolina coach John Fox refused to place the blame on his quarterback Monday

"Each individual play, people have things they have to execute," Fox said. "I couldn't begin to put it all on him. That's the kind of guy he is [to take the blame].

"But I know from my standpoint, I don't feel it's all him.

Through five games this season, Delhomme is 99-for-168 for 1.150 yards and seven touch-

A year ago he was 65-for-113 for 691 yards five touchdowns and five interceptions - and the Panthers were 5-0.

But part of Carolina's offensive problems start with the overhauled offensive line, where only two players from last season are back. The replacements have not been stellar, and Delhomme is constantly getting knocked down or rushing throws from a quickly collapsing pocket.

Delhomme would never use the line as an

excuse, and refused to blame his play Sunday on a vicious hit he received from Jevon Kearse in the second quarter. Replays showed the tackle was helmet-to-helmet, although the officials didn't call it. Delhomme appeared woozy after the play, and needed a timeout to collect himself.

Defense contributes in Rams win

BY BARRY WILNER The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Big plays are what the St. Louis Rams are all about.

Most of the time, those game-turning plays come on offense. On Monday night, the Rams got them from the defense, too, in a 28-21 victory over the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

Torry Holt caught two long touchdown pass es, and Adam Archuleta returned a fumble 93 yards for a score - one of four takeaways for St. Louis.

"That's something we wanted to establish as a defense," Archuleta said. "We hadn't been getting turnovers through the preseason and the first few games."

St. Louis came into the game with only two takeaways

One week after a sensational late comeback in a victory over Seattle, the Rams (4-2) moved into sole possession of first place in the NFC West, a half-game in front of the Seahawks.

"It's very big," Archuleta said of moving in front of Seattle. "We had a couple tough losses early in the year where we were kind of struggling to get that momentum."

The Bucs (1-5) got to the St. Louis 15 on the final drive, but Aeneas Williams forced Tim Brown's fumble, and Jerametrius Butler recovered

Holt beat double coverage to haul in a 36-yard pass from Marc Bulger with 10:46 remaining for the winning touchdown. The All-Pro receiver had a 52-yard TD on the first series and finished with six catches for 124 vards

"We put it together tonight for some big plays," Holt said. "I wish we could wind it back to '99 and make it look easy. But now it's a challenge to us as football players and as a team to get those big plays."

Marshall Faulk had his 100th career rushing touchdown, a 1-varder in the second quarter that tied it 14-14.

Archuleta made his steal midway through the third quarter, one play after Ian Gold's 31-yard interception return put the Bucs at the St. Louis 15. Michael Pittman ran left to the 7, where he was stripped by the Rams safe-ty, who sped untouched down the left sideline. Bucs coach Jon Gruden challenged the play to no avail.

"I think everybody in America could see he was down," Gruden said of Pittman.

"It's very frustrating," Pittman said. "I had one of the biggest turnovers, and I feel bad about it. I feel like I let my teammates down. "Turnovers killed us."

A fumble then helped the Bucs. Greg Spires' second sack of the game shook Bulger,



Torry Holt celebrates the first of his two touchdown catches, this one on the Rams' first drive Holt scored the game-winner in the fourth quarter as St. Louis beat Tampa Bay on Monday night.

who lost the ball at his 20. Anthony McFarland recovered and it led to Will Heller's 1-yard TD catch, tying it 21-21 heading into the fourth quarter.

Brian Griese was sharp and Michael Clayton was sensational on Tampa Bay's first two touchdown drives. Griese completed his first nine passes, including throws of 19 and 9 yards to the rookie on the first scoring drive, which concluded with Mike Alstott's 1-vard power run. The march was set up by Torrie Cox's 59-yard kickoff return.

Early in the second quarter, Clayton beat DeJuan Groce deep for 44 yards, setting up a third-down 5-yard toss to Pittman for a 14-7 lead

St. Louis' sloppiness was costly when an illegal block penalty negated Shaun McDonald's 82-vard punt return late in the first period. But then the Bucs made a more critical mistake.

On third down from their 7, John Wade's snap never made it to Griese, even though the quarterback was set up behind center, not in

the shotgun. Leonard Little dived on the ball for St. Louis at the 5. It took the Rams four running plays to get

into the end zone, with Faulk stretching the ball over the goal line for No. 100, the sixth player to reach that mark. St. Louis opened the scoring on Bulger's

52-yarder to Holt just 2:20 into the game. By halftime, Griese was 14-for-19 for 153 yards passing, but the score was 14-14. Tam-pa's Martin Gramatica missed field goals of 35 and 48 vards, both wide left, the second

miss caused partly by a poor snap

Jeff Wilkins, who sprained his left ankle earlier, was way short on a 56-yard attempt on the final play of the half for the Rams. He also missed wide right from 44 yards with 1:09 remaining in the game. Griese finished 27-for-40 for 286 yards and

Clayton had eight receptions for 142 yards. "Against a team like this, you can't turn the ball over like that," Griese said. "It felt like we

did some good things offensively. Turnovers

NFL scoreboard

American Conference

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New England	5	0	0	1.000	135	83
N.Y. Jets	5	0	0	1.000	120	89
Buffalo	1	4	0	.200	71	86
Miami	0	6	0	.000	55	107
	South					
Indianapolis	4	1	0	.800		
Jacksonville	- 4	2	0	.667		102
Houston	3	3	0	.500		
Tennessee	2	4	0	.333	121	138
	North					
Pittsburgh	5	1	0	.833		
Baltimore	3	2	0	.600	. 97	
Cleveland	3	3	0	.500		
Cincinnati	1	4	0	.200	83	129
	West					
Denver	5	3	0		130	.77
San Diego Oakland	2		0	.500		
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Kansas City	1	4	0	.200	105	132

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Dallas				.400		
Washington			0	.333	84	95
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Atlanta				.833		
New Orleans	2					
Carolina	1			.200		
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Passing	277	23
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Kickoff Returns	4-152	4-8
Interceptions Ret.	1-31	1-
Comp-Att-Int	27-40-1	18-30-
Sacked-Yards Lost	2-9	4-3
Punts	4-43.0	5-50.
Fumbles-Lost	3-3	1-
Penalties-Yards	3-12	7-5
Time of Possession	27:52	32:0

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Missed field goals—Tampa Bay, Cramatica 35 (WL), 48 (WL), St. Louis, Wilkins 56

631), 44 (WD).

Vikings will wait and see on Moss for Sunday

BY DAVE CAMPBELL The Associated Press

EDEN PRAIRIE, Minn. -Randy Moss could miss a game for the first time in his NFL career, but the Minnesota Vikings won't decide before Friday whether he'll be forced out by a strained right hamstring.

Coach Mike Tice described the injury as more than mild, but Moss could be able to play a limited role in Sunday's home game against the Tennessee Titans.

"He's a freak," Tice said, "and he heals really quick.

Moss, who has played in 101 consecutive regular-season games, leads the league with eight touchdown catches. The All-Pro receiver was hurt in the second quarter of Sunday night's game in New Orleans when he tripped and fell after getting tangled with Saints safety Jay Bellamy on a pass that was intercepted in the end zone.

Moss played on the Vikings next possession, but he wasn't thrown to and headed to the locker room after that drive. He cheered Minnesota's 38-31 victory from the sideline, wearing a gray track suit.

Meanwhile, rookie Mewelde Moore will start again this week at running back.

A knee injury has prevented Michael Bennett from playing in the regular season, and Onterrio Smith has two games remaining on his four-game stance-abuse suspension.

Moore, drafted in the fourth round out of Tulane, has 201 yards rushing and 168 yards receiving the past two games.

Bennett ran for 1,296 yards in 2002 - the only year he didn't miss a game. He's expected to participate fully in practice, but the Vikings won't hesitate to give him another week to heal.

"If Mike can't go forward, he's not going to suit up," coach Mike Tice said.

A seven-year veteran, Moss has had recurring ankle sprains throughout his career and was bothered by a sore foot at the end of last season. But he has played in every game - preseason, regular season and playoffs - for the Vikings since they drafted him with the 21st overall pick in 1998.

Though Tice isn't concerned about Moss missing practice this week, he doesn't want the injury to linger and cost Minnesota (4-1)

"I know he wants to play in some type of role, but at the same time I have to do what's best for the team in the long run," Tice

Moss was unavailable for comment on Monday.

"I'm hoping and praying he'll be back out there," quarterback Daunte Culpepper said. "If he's well enough to play, I'm pretty

sure he's going to be playing."

Despite missing Moss for the second half at New Orleans, the Vikings didn't slow down. Culpepper finished with a career-high 425 yards and five touchdowns, and Minnesota scored 24 points after Moss got hurt.

Rice gets wish; Raiders send him to Seattle

BY JANIE MCCAULEY

The Associated Press

ALAMEDA, Calif. — Jerry Rice is leaving the Bay Area, where he quickly developed into the greatest receiver in NFL history with a relentless work ethic that still defines him today.

Disgruntled for weeks about a lack of playing time for the strug-gling Oakland Raiders, Rice got his wish Monday when they traded him to a contender: the Seath Seahawks. The move reunites him with Seattle coach Mike Holmgren, Rice's former offensive coordinator in San Francisco.

The trade will be finalized after Rice undergoes a physical and the league gives its approval. An NFL source, speaking on the condition of anonymity, said the Raiders expected to receive a conditional seventh-round draft pick for Rice but the final details were still being worked out.

The Seahawks, who had not made any announcement Monday night, will owe Rice the remainder of his \$1.35 million base salary this season.

The 42-year-old Rice, in his 20th NFL season, said goodbye to his teammates Monday, even signing autographs for some before leaving. A trophy and his belongings remained in his locker.

"Yeah, we knew," fullback Zack Crockett, one of Rice's longtime friends, said in a phone interview. "Right now, everything is so fresh. This is a real sad day. You lose a lot of close friends as well. We'll definitely miss him."

In one dramatic day, the last of Oakland's old guard was swept away. Earlier, injured quarterback Rich Gannon announced he won't return to the field for the Raiders this season because of a broken vertebra in his neck.

Gannon acknowledged that with longtime receiver Tim Brown already gone and Rice virtually out the door — and his own football future uncertain — this could mark the end of a special era for the Silver and Black.

"You could look at it that way," Gannon said. "Obviously, when you hire a new coach there are some changes. I want to think of it as a beginning of an era."

Rice asked last week to be traded before Tuesday's deadline because he knew his role the rest of the season would continue to be minimal in coach Norv Turner's offense. Earlier Monday, Holmgren said the team was looking into a deal. "I would think it would give any team a boost, but really it's up to the Raiders," Holmgren said. "It's really their call."

Holmgren was Rice's offensive coordinator from 1989-91 with the 49ers, and Holmgren was San Francisco's quarterbacks coach starting in Rice's second season with the team in 1986.

Seattle was a logical destination for Rice because he knows Holmgren's offense and the Seahawks could use some help at receiver.

Rice wanted to play for a team that will give him a greater role, and Holmgren has agreed to provide him with a fresh start.

Rice has gone without a catch in three of five games this season, including Sunday's 31-3 loss to Denver when he didn't even get a pass thrown his way. His record

receptions streak ended at 274 in Week 2 against Buffalo.

Rice seemed incredibly conflicted after Sunday's game, alternately talking in the past, present and future tenses about his three-plus seasons with the Raiders. He spoke about what he could do to help turn around Oakland's 2-4 record, but also expressed appreciation for 20 years of support from Bay Area fans.

Rice realizes the Raiders are focused on developing their young receivers: Jerry Porter, Ronald Curry, Doug Gabriel and Alvis Whitted.

But Rice still believes he can be productive.

"They know each other, and Mike was interested in Jerry before he signed with the Raiders," Rice's agent, Jim Steiner, said Monday afternoon. "He will know the offense if that's where he ends up, and he'll fit right in."

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Gannon won't return this year

BY JANIE MCCAULEY

The Associated Press

ALAMEDA, Calif. — Rich Gannon will not return to the field for the Oakland Raiders this season because of a broken vertebra in his neck.

The quarterback, who turns 39 in December, saw four of the country's top neck and spine specialists in the past couple of weeks and was told he shouldn't try to play again this year.

But Gannon didn't rule out a return next season and wasn't ready to say he's going to retire.

"After visiting with these professionals and these experts, it's been brought to my attention that it's the general consensus that a return to action this season is unrealistic," Gannon said Monday, speaking publicly for the first time since getting hurt in a helmetral through the said of the said of the far as my future, I'm just not really in a position to speculate beyond the 2004 season."

Gannon will still make \$4.5 million base salary this season because he's a vested veteran. He restructured his \$7 million contract last month by converting \$2.5 million into milikely-to-be-earned incentives for salary-cap purposes.

Gannon was knocked out of the game in the first quarter of the Raiders' 30-20 win over Tampa Bay last month after being hit by linebacker Derrick Brooks. The Raiders originally said Gannon would be out at least eight weeks. Kerry Collins is playing in his

"It's good to have it out of the way, and good for him," left guard Frank Middleton said of Gannon. "Now Collins knows this is his team, and we're going to ride and die with him."

This was supposed to be Gannon's comeback season. The 2002 NFL MVP was burt in

a 17-10 loss to Kansas City last Oct. 20, and had shoulder surgery in November, finishing the season on injured reserve. This offseason was the most productive in his 17-year career as he worked his way back.

The Raiders had not yet placed Gannon on injured reserve.

"It's extremely disappointing." said Gamon, wearing a hard neck brace he'll need for about six weeks. "I don't think a lot of people realize just what went into it, and the night of the injury I think people saw the excruciating pain on my face. ... I put a lot of effort and energy into comine back."

Gannon said he knew the injury was significant right away, but never felt numbness in his ex-

Gannon will discuss his future

in football with his wife, Shelley, and the couple's two daughters. "I have no regrets if that Sun-

day night game was my last," Gannon said.

Titans Brown, McNair should be OK

BY TERESA M. WALKER
The Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The Tennessee Titans finally got some good news about injuries on Monday.

Coach Jeff Fisher said running back Chris Brown, who left with an injured right shoulder midway the third quarter of Sunday's 20-10 loss to Houston, should be fine. Brown is still sore, but he has feeling back in his right arm.

The second-leading rusher in the NFL will get a chance to answer the biggest question he has faced since replacing Eddie George, who never missed a start in eight seasons. Just how durable is he? And can he endure injuries without missing games? Fisher acknowledged he is concerned. "What you have to watch now is

how he comes back this week. . . . That was quite a collision," Fisher said after Brown left Texans safety Jason Simmons with a concussion Sunday.

"He seems to feel like he got

the best of it. I beg to differ with him," Fisher said. "I turned over, he was sitting in the same place on the bench the rest of the half. If he comes back from this, like I expect him to, that's the impor-

Brown played only the first half of the season-opening victory over Miami after spraining his left ankle, but he hasn't missed a start. He also has run for at least 100 yards in four of six starts.

tant thing.

be a problem.

Steve McNair, coming off a four-interception performance, hurt his chest again. Fisher said this injury is lower in his chest than the bruised sternum that put McNair in the hospital for two mights last month, but it shouldn't.

Other good news Monday included an MRI on safety Tank Williams' sore knee, which showed no damage.

With Brown and McNair lookgood for next week, Fisher now can worry about the rest of his squad in a season where mes survival, not the playoffs, is the priority. Injuries have wracked the linebackers and receivers, with tight end the latest position hit.

Top tight end Erron Kinney will miss his fourth straight game with a strained right calf when the Titans (2-4) visit Minnesota (4-1) next week, and Shad Meier will need at least two weeks to recuperate after his appendectomy Sundav.

That leaves only rookie Ben Troupe.

"Obviously, we have to get creative with the plan. With extra days to do that and practice time, I think we'll be OK." Fisher said.

Nearly perfect not nearly enough

Williams' gem goes for naught as Astros win

BY JAIME ARON The Associated Press

HOUSTON — Woody Williams did everything the St. Louis Cardinals could have asked of a starter facing the Houston Astros.

He kept Carlos Beltran in the ballpark - and off the bases. He kept Lance Berkman hitless for the first time this postseason. He allowed just one hit in seven

innings, going three-up three-down in three of them three-up, None of the four baserunners he allowed got past second base. He had the longest start for the

Cardinals in the NL championship series, giving much-needed rest to the bullpen

And he did it all with a nagging

calf injury.
The best outing of his life? Maybe. But considering St. Louis ended up losing 3-0 Monday night in Game 5, putting the Cardinals

down 3-2 in the best-of-seven series, Williams was in no mood to sayor what he'd done. "I haven't had time to think about it," he said. "I just know I put up seven zeros, but I got out-

matched." As superb as Williams was, Houston starter Brandon Backe was even better. He was perfect through 13 batters and didn't allow a hit until two outs in the sixth inning. He went eight innings, handing off to closer Brad Lidge in the ninth.

St. Louis closer Jason Isring hausen took over in the eighth and lost it in the ninth by allowing



on Monday night. After Williams left, Houston rallied to win 3-0.

a three-run homer to Jeff Kent "This is tough to swallow." Will-

iams said. The Cardinals lost for just the fourth time in Williams' last 22 starts. That includes victories in the openers of the first-round se ries against Los Angeles and

Game 1 of this series "I knew I was going to throw a good game because I like having pressure on me," Williams said. 'It wasn't as good as the other guy threw, though, but I left it all out there

As amazing as Williams' performance was to those who saw it, it was even more impressive to evervone in the dugout. Only they knew that Williams strained a

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calf muscle running to first base while batting in the top of the third inning

Williams said it was no big deal, but manager Tony La Russa said there were questions each inning about whether he'd be able to return to the mound

"You're not supposed to use the word 'hero' in sports, but that was a heroic performance with his calf bothering him the way it was." La Russa said.

Game 6 is in St. Louis on Wednesday night and the Cardinals can only hope Matt Morris is anywhere close to as good as Williams was if they're to salvage a series they were leading 2-0.

Williams walked two struck out four. He threw 94 pitchsuccess? "I was able to locate the ball on both sides of the plate and make my pitches," Williams said 'In the past, I haven't had that kind of location."

The Astros came out swinging, with the first four batters all taking whacks at Williams' first pitch. It did them little, good, though. Beltran, the No. 2 hitter, pound-

ed a ball to the left-field gap and it only went to the warning track, an early sign that this was going to be Williams' night. Even after Jeff Bagwell followed with a sin-gle, Williams got Berkman to ground out.

When he walked Brad Ausmus to open the third, Williams stranded him there.

The closest thing he had to a jam came in the fourth, when Berkman walked with one out and Morgan Ensberg was hit by a pitch with two outs. It wasn't a problem, though, as Williams got Jose Vizcaino to ground out to first

Williams forgot about his throbbing calf when Beltran opened the sixth by smacking a hard grounder between first baseman Albert Puiols and the line. Puiols dived and the ball rolled off his glove. He picked it up and fired to Williams at the bag, getting the out while the speedy Beltran was in his final stride

Williams followed by striking out Bagwell and getting Berkman to fly out. Even if the calf pain flared up, it didn't matter because he was due up third in the inning and La Russa had to use a pinch-hitter to try stirring the offense.

It's not much consolation, but Williams did earn a piece of basehall lore. The teams combined for only four hits, fewest in any post-

MLB scoreboard LEAGUE CHAMPIO

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hit another home run. He made a bid for it, hitting a long fly ball to left that Sanders caught Astros 3, Cardinals 0 ab r h bi

on the warning track. Backe and Williams both looked far from

up the quirky hill in dead center to haul in

Reggie Sanders' shot in front of the in-play

About the only thing Beltran did not do was

flag pole, about 420 feet from the plate.

overpowering, mainly relying on breaking balls to get outs. Even so, they were virtually

Backe, a former schoolboy football star in Texas and an outfielder in the Tampa Bay system, befuddled the Cardinals from the start. He set down the first 13 batters before walking Jim Edmonds in the fifth, and did not allow a hit until Womack pulled a single past diving first baseman Bagwell.

After Larry Walker walked, Backe faced his

first jam when Albert Pujols stepped to the plate. That brought pitching coach Jim Hickev to the mound, and he'd just gotten back to the dugout when Puiols popped up to end the

The final out brought a roar from the crowd and chants of "Back-e! Back-e!" His father Harold, was so fired up he charged over from his seat and gave a loud high-five to the ballpark public-address announcer.

"It was a strong, almost miracle performance from a guy who was born to do this, his dad said.

Not bad for a guy who won only five games in the majors this season.

"He pitched a great game. It doesn't sur-prise me." Beltran said.

Woody Williams allowed only one hit in seven innings against Houston

Kent: Pitchers limit hits to fewest in postseason KENT FROM BACK PAGE

"It was really a well-played game, well-pitched game," Cardinals manager Tony La Russa said. "Brutal ending." Too bad not a whole lot of people may have seen it. Most baseball fans in the country got

the New York-Boston game in the ALCS, and surely some people in St. Louis watched the Rams-Tampa Bay NFL matchup. Before this night, the postseason record for

fewest hits was five, accomplished three times in the World Series, including Don Larsen's perfect game in 1956.

It was even until Beltran singled off Jason Isringhausen in the ninth and stole second

with one out, prompting the walk to Berkman. "We've been struggling to get offense all day, both teams," Kent said. "Both teams know how to hit, the pitching just shut us down all day long. To finally come up with a hit is big.

Backe, who started the season in the minors, allowed one single in eight innings and Brad Lidge worked a perfect ninth for a combined one-hitter.

"I just got into a rhythm, a groove," Backe "I had really good command."

Williams matched him for seven innings, al-lowing only Jeff Bagwell's single in the first. Both starters struck out four and walked two in a rematch of Game 1, won by Williams.

"I just know I put up seven zeros, but I got outmatched," Williams said. Lidge pitched for the third straight day, add-

ing a victory to his two saves in the series. Isringhausen relieved in the eighth, and wound up with the loss

"I knew it was out when it left the bat." Isringhausen said.

Beltran's record streak of homers in postason games ended at five, though he gave it a ride in his first at-bat. But he showed off all his other attributes, including two outstanding

catches. Sluggers ruled the first four games, combin-

ing for 19 homers.

Backe put a stop to the Cardinals' fun, limit ing them to Tony Womack's two-out single in the sixth. The Astros won for the 22nd time in their

last 23 home games. Fans simply didn't want to leave the stadium at the end, hanging around inside to cele-

While nitching dominated Beltran provided the highlights until Kent's third homer of the NLCS.

All-Star center fielder soon-to-be-free agent made the play of the game with two outs and no one on in the seventh, racing to his right for a diving, backhanded catch to rob Edgar Renteria.

Beltran raised his glove, left fielder Craig Biggio lifted his mitt and Backe punched the air. To a standing ovation, Beltran casually trotted to the dugout and flipped the ball into the seats.

In the eighth, Beltran ran back and halfway

Ortiz sets off another wild celebration

Slugger's single in 14th reduces Red Sox deficit in ALCS to 3-2

BY RONALD BLUM The Associated Press

BOSTON - David Ortiz had just lifted the 471st pitch of the night into center field for the winning hit, setting off another wild celebration just as improbable as the one he started the night be-

Boston had rallied to beat the New York Yankees again, need-ing 14 innings for a 5-4 victory that took 5 hours, 49 minutes, a postseason record

Now, as the jubilant Red Sox and dejected Yankees came off the field at Fenway Park late Monday night, knowing they were scheduled to play again in New York in just 21 hours, they had to wonder: Who can even pitch Tuesday night after Boston starter Curt Schilling and the Yankees' Jon Lieber leave Game 6?

'Schilling's pitch count might be 180," Red Sox manager Terry Francona said.

Think everyone was exhausted after Aaron Boone's 11th-inning homer won Game 7 for the Yankees last year? Both teams are dragging themselves to Yankee

"Everybody's tired," New York catcher Jorge Posada said. "Their team, our team."

Rain was forecast for Tuesday night. Both teams could surely use the rest a rainout would bring after three games in Boston that saw 1,298 pitches, 82 hits and 29 pitching changes over 35 innings.

"I think it will be good to go back home and gain some energy from the home crowd," Yankees third baseman Alex Rodriguez "Three days here, it feels like we've been here a month."

None of the other 25 teams that fell behind 3-0 in a postseason series has ever come back to win. In fact, Boston is only the third to force a sixth game "We're going out there with no

Boston's Johnny pressure." Damon said. "We've done stuff we're not supposed to be doing right now."

Turns out last October's epic was only a prequel, with this







David Ortiz swings at a two-out pitch in the 14th inning Monday night (top left), then exults (bottom left) as the ball falls to give the Red Sox a 5-4 victory over the Yankees. Johnny Damon, who scored from second on the play, gets a hero's welcome at the plate as Boston trimmed New York's lead in the ALCS to 3-2.

year's series mirroring the season. New York burst out to win the first three games, and Boston is desperately trying to catch up. Just 211/2 hours after Ortiz's

12th-inning homer off Paul Quantrill at 1:22 a.m. gave Boston a 6-4 victory in Game 4, the Boston slugger fouled off six pitches before singling to drive in the win-

depth, the character, the heart, the guts of our ballclub," winner Tim Wakefield said. "It took every ounce of whatever we had left to win tonight's game and to

This time, Boston was six outs from elimination before Ortiz's leadoff homer off Tom Gordon and Jason Varitek's sacrifice fly off Mariano Rivera tied it 4-4 in

the eighth. The next six innings were ago nizingly tense, filled with a double play, three passed balls in one inning, two Red Sox runners thrown out trying to steal second and 10 runners left on base.

When it was over, New York had stranded 18 runners and the Red Sox 12. The two games consumed 26 innings lasting 10 hours, 51 minutes

Just a night after throwing 50

pitches, Boston closer Keith Foulke threw 22 more. Rivera, who blew a save for the second straight night and the third time this postseason, pitched two infor the second straight

The Yankees took a 4-2 lead in the sixth when Derek Jeter poked a three-run double to right on Pedro Martinez's 100th pitch but were shut out over the last eight innings by Mike Timlin, Foulke, Bronson Arroyo, Mike Myers, Alan Embree and Wakefield.

Gary Sheffield struck out leading off the 13th but reached on a passed hall, and two more passed

knuckler left runners on second and third

But after the ball nearly got away from Varitek again, popping out of the catcher's glove but staying near the plate, Wakefield escaped by striking out Ruben Si-erra on a 70 mph knuckler.

Wakefield, who gave up Boone's homer last year, followed with a 1-2-3 14th.

'In the last inning, he was on fumes," Francona said.

Damon started the winning rally by drawing a one-out walk and Manny Ramirez walked with two outs. Ortiz then fouled off six pitches, including one that just missed being a home run down the right-field line, before blooping a single.

There's nothing you can do, Loaiza said. "It was a great pitch, a broken bat, and it floated over second base

Half the Red Sox ran to greet Damon coming home. The others mobbed Ortiz halfway to second

"I was thinking I'd better get it done right here," Ortiz said. "They've got too many hitters that can change the game with one swing.

The Yankees, who got a solo homer from Bernie Williams in the second, could have broken the game open after Jeter's double, but Trot Nixon prevented more damage with a sliding catch of Hideki Matsui's sinking drive to

right with the bases loaded New York, 1-for-13 with runners in scoring position, missed a chance to take the lead in the ninth when Tony Clark's two-out drive to right hopped over the low fence for a ground-rule double that left runners at second and third. Foulke then retired Miguel Cairo on a foul pop.

Boston tried to change its nerennially bad luck, with switch-hitter Varitek hitting right-handed against right-hander Mike Mussina and Kevin Millar trimming his billy-goat beard.

Mussina allowed Ortiz's RBI single in the first and a bases-loaded walk to Varitek, then pitched five shutout innings before six relievers followed. The Yankees sent Lieber home during the game to get rest for Tuesday.

"We were going to play until there was nobody left standing," Mussina said. "You've got start-ers going out there. You've got guys throwing three and four innings one day and throwing two or three again the next day."

ning run off Esteban Loaiza "The last two nights shows the

win last night's game

A year later, Wakefield gets one to savor

The Associated Press BOSTON - Tim Wakefield al-

ready had left far behind the home run that Aaron Boone hit off him last October to give the New York Yankees the American League championship.

Now Wakefield has a more pleasant playoff memory.

Wakefield rescued the overworked Boston Red Sox bullpen by holding the Yankees scoreless in the last three innings of a 5-4. 14-inning victory over New York on Monday night. That sent the best-of-seven series back to Yankee Stadium for Game 6 Tuesday night with New York leading 3-2.

"I just tried, basically, to keep us in the game as long as possible." Wakefield, Boston's seventh pitcher of the night, said.

"After (my) second inning, they asked me how I felt and I said 'I'll give you what I've got.' '

That turned out to be just

enough as because David Ortiz singled in the winning run in the bottom of the 14th. Ortiz gave plenty of credit to Wakefield, a starter all season.

"Unbelievable, unbelievable, amazing," Ortiz said. "I'm so happy for him. He wore them down

Wakefield had an outstanding postseason last year until Oct. 16, when Boone's homer gave the Yankees a 6-5 victory in the 11th inning of Game 7.

"He didn't deserve to lose that game," Boston catcher Jason Varitek said. "We lost that game as a team.

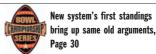
Still, the Red Sox were thrilled that Wakefield, who allowed one hit, one walk and struck out four. pitched so well Monday night.

"He's certainly a guy that's easy to root for," Boston outfielder Gabe Kapler said. "He's not selfish. He's so versatile and is willing to do whatever the team needs



pitcher for Boston Monday night.

SPORTS



Kent becomes Superman

Astros lead NLCS 3-2 after HR in ninth ends pitchers' duel

The Associated Press

HOUSTON - Only when Brandon Backe and Woody Williams were done did the hitters have

any chance. That's when Jeff Kent stepped up and put the Houston Astros one win from the World Series.

Pitching suddenly took over these playoffs Monday night, when Backe and Williams hooked up in one of the greatest October duels - only four hits in all, the fewest ever in a postseason game. ended it, launching three-run homer in the ninth inning to lift the Astros over St Louis 3-0 for a 3-2 edge in the NL championship series.

Each team had only one single until Houston came to bat in the bottom of the ninth.

"He was on tonight, just like I was," Backe said. "When you feel as good as I did out there and felt in the rhythm that I was in, you just feel like nobody can hit you.

Neither team's sluggers did anything until Carlos Beltran who else? - led off the ninth with a single. After an intentional walk to Lance Berkman with one out. Kent hammered a ball off the limestone facade in left field.

Kent flipped his bat after he connected, tossed off his helmet as he headed home and said, "One more, one more."

He was right. Because after the Astros' third straight win, one more victory will put them in the World Series for the first time. Game 6 will be back in St

Louis on Wednesday, with Matt Morris starting for St. Louis. Roger Clemens may pitch on three days' rest for the Astros manager Phil Garner said he will announce his choice on Tuesday's off-day

SEE KENT ON PAGE 34



Jeff Kent sets off a wild celebration among Astros teammates and fans with his game-winning, three-run home run in the bottom of the ninth inning against the Cardinals in Game 5 of the NLCS on Monday. Houston now leads the series 3-2 with Game 6 Wednesday in St. Louis.



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Red Sox's Ortiz does it again, keeps Boston from elimination with extra-inning hit in Game 5. sending ALCS back to New York



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